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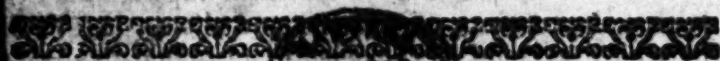
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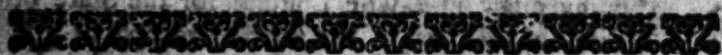


To the R E A D E R.

AS in the Writings of Fabulous Poets and witty Apothegms of Æsop, Diogenes, and such like pleasant conceited Philosophers, are to be found many pithy and wise Lessons for the State of Man's Life, as well as in the severe Precepts of the sage Stoicks; so in this Tragical History (though it be with Poetical Imaginations) is to be noted by the discreet Reader, sufficient Matter concerning most Estates, to bring the Mind in Remembrance of the Fickleness of Fortune, the Reward of Virtue, the Punishment of Vice, and the End of Folly. Also in this History is often Occasion taken, partly to describe the Names, Situations and Commodities of the chiefest Countries, Merchants, Kingdoms, and Cities of the Earth, which to the valiant Mind bringeth no small Delight. These few Causes considered, I doubt not but this History shall seem to Men of good Judgment more worthy of the Printer's Travel, than many vain Pamphlets, Ballads and Songs, tending only to the artificial cloaking of Vice, and muzzling of amorous Heads therein. And soasmuch as by Consideration, and perusing thereof, I found much childish and superfluous Inventions, intermingled also with some Sparks of prophane Superstition. (according to the Manner of Penning, used in that barbarous Age) which might seem odious to the Godly, and loathsome to the Learned

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(the Matter and Substance of the History being, notwithstanding, pleasant and delightful to Read) I thought it most convenient by rejecting what was unpleasing, rather to collect an Abstract of the Substance thereof in a plain and English Phrase, than to have respect to the Literal Translation. Which if I have not accomplished so precisely as perhaps, some of our English Rhetoricians would have done, I crave Pardon for my Offence, and give them Leave to mend what is amiss; not doubting but the Courteous Reader will rather accept hereof, with the like Affection as it is offered, rather than disdain my Ability to offer it so perfect in all Points as I would.



The Sum and Argument of this BOOK.

A Lusty Youth, in Prime of Years,
His Father's only Child,
Who Theodorus had to Name,
Of Courage stout and wild;

Whole Father had by Carking got
Great Store of Goods and Lands,
Which after the Decease of him,
Fell wholly to his Hands.

The young Man vaunting to maintain
A sumptuous stately Port,
About the Prince's Palace would
With noble State resort.

His Friends then fearing lest he should
By Riot soon decay,
Got him a Wife of noble Birth,
That might him somewhat stay;

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By whom he had a comely Son, who in his Youth
In Childhood foster'd well,
Until that Riot did him force
His Lands and Goods to sell.

The Child he was of *Cyprus* Isle,
The Father of the same,
In *Famagosta* Christened was,
Who *Fortunatus* had to Name.

When that he did his Father's Care
And Poverty espy,
He went from Parents privately,
His Fortune for to try.

So ranging through most Christian Lands,
By fickle Fortune tost,
His Way lay by a Wilderness,
Where he was almost lost.

Where given was to him a Purse
Of great and precious Price,
That should at no Time Money want
To fulfil his Device:

The Virtue of which Purse,
Shall then forthwith decay,
When he and all his Children should
By Death once pass away.

By Means whereof, when he had got
Great Wealth, Renown, and Fame,
His Parents both he finding dead,
To *Famagosta* came.

And keeping there a stately Port,
He took to him a Wife,
Of noble Birth, with whom long Time
He led a quiet Life:

And

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And had by her Two only Sons,
But when he did perceive,
That like it was no Children more
Behind him he should leave ;

He would in Ship again depart,
More Countries for to range ;
Among the Heathen for to view
Such Novels as were strange ;

From whence returning Home again
By the King *Soldan's* Land,
Convey'd from him a precious Hat,
Deliver'd with his Hand ;

Which set upon the Owner's Head,
By secret virtuous pow'r,
Convey'd should be where he would wish
In Moment of an Hour.

Soon after his Return, was dead
Cassandra, his dear Wife,
And he also e'er long it was,
To Death did yield his Life.

The Hat and Purse to his Two Sons,
By Will he did bequest,
In common both to use alike,
So long as Life should last.

The elder Son, *Ampedo* then,
Did like to live at Ease,
But *Andolucia* with the Purse,
To travel did him please ;

By Martial Feats of Chivalry,
Attaining great Renown,
Until in *England*, by Mischance,
His Pride was pulled down.

Where

The Argument.

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Where the King's Daughter *Agrippina*
So strong had won his Heart,
That she bereft him of his Purse.
That caus'd his woeful Smart.

He borrowing of his Brother then
The Wishing Hat for Aid,
Thereof also for all his Craft,
Was miserably betray'd.

But in the End, by lucky Chance,
He got them both again,
And took Revenge of her at Will,
To her great Shame and Pain.

Returning *Andolucia* glad,
With Victory thus won,
In fine did *Agrippina* wed
The King of *Cyprus* Son,

Where *Andolucia* at a Feast,
Such Manhood did extend;
That Earls twain of Malice did,
Conspire to work his End.

By Absence long, then *Ampedo*
Fearing his Brother's Death,
The Hat did burn, and he e'er long
Did yield his vital Breath.

Likewise was *Andolucia* slain,
For whom was made great Moan;
The two Earls strived for the Purse,
Which Virtue then had none.

Whereby the Murder was detect,
The two Earls prest to die,
This is the Sum and whole Effect,
Of this most pleasant History.

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*The Moral Documents and Considerations
which are to be noted in this BOOK.*

*How careless Youth to Pleasure bent,
When Wealth doth flow at Will,
Till raging Riots all hath spent,
They never have their Fill.*

The Example of
Theodorus, ch. 1

*How Falshood wrought by Flattery,
The simple doth assail;
When Spight with open Enmity,
By no Means can prevail.*

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vant *Robert*, ch. 3.

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When Grace is not their Stay;
Do seek Relief by Villany.
To work their just Decay.*

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Andrew, an un-
thrifty Merchant,
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Which all Men ought for to reveal,
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ronimus Roberti*,
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Do venture for their Prey;
Until when they shink best to speed,
They work their just Decay.*

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For Dread of worldly Shame;
Will Sin procure for private Gain,
Deserving no less Blame.*

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*How Venus Lust enticing may
Soon force the am'rous Knight,
His greatest Secret to betray,
To work his woeful Plight.*

To be Noted,
Chap. 34.

*How Strength and Beauty soon do fail,
And Health and Wealth decay,
All Fortune's Gifts do nought avail,
Where Wisdom bears no Sway
How virtuous Life an honest End
Doth commonly ensue;
And they which Sin do still attend,
With violent Death shall rue.*

Appearing by the
whole Course of
the History, espe-
cially by the di-
vers Dispositions
and final Destinies
of *Fortunatus* and
his two Sons.



The famous History of
FORTUNATUS.

CHAP. I.

The Birth of Fortunatus.

IN the Isle of Cyprus there is a great City, called Famagosta, wherein dwelt a rich Citizen, descended of an ancient and renowned Stock, whose Name was Theodorus, unto whom his Progenitors had left so much Goods and Revenues, that through the Abundance of Wealth, he esteemed himself mighty and puissant: He was of Age young, of Disposition lusty, and given up to Pleasure, little considering the Frugality and Thriftiness of his Ancestors, whereby they carefully augmented their Goods and Possessions, which he, without Care, enjoyed, so that his Mind being wholly addicted unto Honour, Pastime, and worldly Pleasure, he

presumed to bear the Countenance of an high and costly Estate, by frequenting of Princes Courts, Joustings, and such like Martial Exercise, by which Means he soon wasted much of his Goods and Treasure. His Friends being greatly displeased with his Prodigality, determined to marry him, supposing thereby to alter his Mind. Theodorus willingly condescended to their De-



fires; whereupon they searched to find out a comely Spouse for him, which they did in the City of Nicova (the Head of the Isle of Cyprus, and where their Kings keep their Courts) a noble and rich Citizen, which had a fair Daughter, named Gratiana, whom he forthwith gave in Marriage to Theodorus, without any farther Inquiry what manner of Man he was; whereupon she was brought to him, only upon the great Fame of his Riches and Valour, and was, at her coming, entertained with a costly and sumptuous Ban-

Banquet, as the Manner of the Rich shew at such Times their Wealth and Magnificence. After the Feast was ended, and all Things accordingly finished, every Guest taking their Leave returned home, Theodorus taking his Spouse unto him, lived for a Season friendly and virtuously with her; wherewith both she and her Friends took great Pleasure, thinking they had achieved a very good Deed, in taming the wild Theodorus, by marrying him; but yet they consider'd not the Property of Nature, which bendeth only to that which she is inclined unto. So in Process of Time, Gratiana became great with Child, and was delivered before the Year was fully compleat from the Day of the Wedding, which made the Friends of both Parties exceeding glad. Then was the Child christned by the Name of Fortunatus, and altho' Theodorus rejoiced, yet ceased he not to follow his Diversions in Jousting, keeping a great Train of Men and Horses, and dally using Princes Courts, not without excessive Charges; inso much that he began to Sell and Mortgage, now one Piece of Land, and then another, leaving both Wife and Child unregarded. Then in Selling and Gaming he continued so long, that he was in such extreame Poverty, that he could neither keep Men-Servant or Maid, so that good Gratiana was forced to dress her own Meat, and wash her own Cloaths. But one Day sitting at Dinner, pretending to make good Chear, if they had wherewithal, the Father beholding his Son, sighed from the Bottom of his Heart: Which when his Son perceived, who was then Eighteen Years old, and could
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not only Write and Read, but was expert in playing on the Lute, in Hunting and Hawking, which were his chief Pastimes, he said to his Father:

Dear Father, What gileth you? For I perceive that whensoever you behold me, you become sad; I pray you, Father, have I by any Means provoked you to be offended? Tell me truly, and hide not your secret Thoughts from me, for I am wholly determined to accomplish your Will in all reasonable Points. Then answered the Father, saying,

My dear Son, The Occasion of my Grief cometh not by thee, neither can I blame any Creature but myself only; for the pinching Penury which now I sustain, have I myself caused, and therefore I call to Mind the great Honour and Wealth that lately I enjoyed, and am now utterly deprived of, which my Ancestors have so carefully spared, as I ought also to have done, for the Maintenance of our Progeny in Honour and Dignity, the which, alas! I have altogether neglected: When I call to Mind how far unable I am to help and succour thee, my only Child, this is the Heart's Grief that vexeth me both Night and Day. This doubles my Sorrows, that all these my most familiar Companions, to whom I so frankly imparted my Goods, have now abandoned my Company, and that I am so little welcome to them.

To this answered Fortunatus, saying,

Dearly beloved Father, Cast off your Mourning and take no such immoderate Care for me, for I am young, strong, and healthy; I will travel into far and unknown Countries to serve you; in the World by hard adventuring there happeneth to many good
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Fortune, whereof I doubt not but by the Help of God, some Part shall fall to my Lot. As for you Father, you have Business of the King's, him may you serve, and it is not like that he will suffer you or my Mother long to continue in any great Want. Leave off therefore, I pray you, these Tears on my Behalf; for I have not been so ill trained up (I thank God and you for it) but I can shift for myself.

With this went Fortunatus out of the House, with a Hawk on his Fist, toward the Sea-coast, pondering with himself what he might best do, in his Absence from his Father's Sight, that he might be no more griev'd thereby; as he thus walked up and down by the Sea-side, he saw a Galley of Venice, coming from Jerusalem, wherein was an Earl of Flanders, who had lost two of his Men by the Way. But as the Earl had no Business with the King, and that the Patron of the Vessel caused a Sign to be given by Sound of Trumpet, that every one should speedily come on Board, the Earl, with many other Gentlemen came forthwith, which Fortunatus seeing, thought in his Mind, *Would to God I might be one of this great Lord's Men to accompany him, that I might be rid of my Country Cyprus: With that he stepped boldly to the Earl, making low Obeysance and Courtesy, whereby the Earl perceived he was no Clown; and thereupon said, Gracious Lord, I understand your Honour hath lost Two of your Men, will you please to accept of me?*

Then said the Earl, *What canst thou do?* He answered, *I can hunt and hawk, and do all Things that belong thereto: I have also some Skill in Rid-*

ing and Feats of Arms. To this said the Earl, Thou shouldst like me well; but to my Country we have a long and tedious Journey, therefore I suppose thou wouldst be loth to travel so far. Not so my Lord, said Fortunatus, that shall be to me no Lett at all, for I would willingly venture the Travel, tho' it were four Times as far. Then demanded the Earl, saying *What Wages shall I give thee?* Fortunatus answered, *I require no Wages, but to be rewarded according to my Deserts.* These Words of the young Man the Earl liked very well, saying unto him, *The Galley forthwith shall be launched from the Shore, art thou therefore ready to depart with us?* He answer'd, *When it pleaseth you my Lord.* And so casting the Hawk that he had upon his Fist up into the Air, he departed without Blessing of Father or Mother, with the Earl, and became his Man, carrying with him very little Furniture, and no Money in his Purse. So hoisting up their Sail, they quickly arrived at Venice.



C H A P. II.

*How Fortunatus sailed away with the Earl,
without Knowledge of his Father or Mother.*

WHEN Fortunatus was come to Venice, having in passing thro' it seen all the Curiosities of that City, the Earl stay'd not long there, but made all Speed possible to return again into his own Country, to see his Friends; for he was determined at his Return to be Wedded to the Daughter of the Duke of Cleves, which was a fair Lady, the Marriage being appointed before his Departure: For which Cause he made the more Haste. Before they departed, Fortunatus bought for his Lord at Venice, very costly Jewels, and Garments of Velvet, Silk and Cloth of Gold, and whatsoever else was requisite for the Wedding; for altho' he had many Men, yet was there none of them that could speak the Italian Tongue but Fortunatus only, who was very expert to buy and sell, and therefore was in great Favour with the Earl. Fortunatus perceiving his Lord's good Affection towards him, became the more serviceable, applying himself to be always in the Evening the last, and in the Morning the first in his Lord's Presence. Now the Earl had bought many Horses for his Servants, of the which some were more fair to the Eye, than fit for any Good; he therefore would have them muster'd before him, and so distributed them among his Men, giving to Fortunatus one of the best, which grieved much the other Servants, and thereupon they envied him, saying among themselves *What Devil hath sent this Italian to put us out of Credit?* However it lay

lay not in their Power to hinder him from riding with the Earl, neither could they blame him in any Point. The Earl was now returned home joyfully, and at his coming was received of his Subjects most honourably; for he was both affable, just and virtuous, and so the better beloved of his Subjects, for that he loved them, and was careful for their Good. The Nobles likewise, and other friendly Neighbours came together to welcome him, thanking God for his prosperous Journey; and before all other Matters, they took special Care for the present accomplishing of the Wedding, which pleased him very well; so that with consent he was Espoused unto the Duke of Cleve's Daughter: For the Wedding great Preparation was made, and thither did resort many Lords of great Estate, where many valiant Knights and Gentlemen in rich Attire, mounted on Barbed Steeds, at the Tilts and Tourney, and other such Feats of Chivalry, extended their manly Force before the fair and noble Ladies there present. And altho' there were assembled at that Wedding no small Number of proper and comely Servitors, attending on the chief Estates, yet there was none of them all, whose Service and Behaviour was more commended than the Service of Fortunatus; whereupon divers demanding of the Earl where he had gotten him, he declared unto them, That he by Fortune chanced on him in the Way coming from Jerusalem; and told them moreover, that he was so expert in Hunting and Hawking, that neither Wild Beast of the Field, nor Fowl of the Air, might hardly escape him; Besides that, he also commended him for his diligent

gent Service, and for that he could fit himself to all Estates. By means of which Commendation of his Lord, he had many Gifts given him by Noblemen and Ladies.

C H A P. III.

How Fortunatus jousted at the Earl's Wedding and gained the Prize.

AFTER that the Lords and Nobles had finished their Triumphs and Martial Games, the Duke of Cleve and the Bridegroom (the Earl of Flanders) agreed that their Servitors and Retinues should likewise have their Pastime, and try who were Masters in Jousting for two Jewels, esteemed to the Value of an Hundred Crowns, and he that might obtain the Prize should have one of them. Of this were all the Servants glad, and every Man put forth himself to do his best. So it befel that one of the Duke of Burgundy's Servants had one of the Jewels on the one Side, and Fortunatus won the other on the contrary Party; which disliked the most Part of the Servants, and thereupon they intreated Timothy, the Duke of Burgundy's Man, making him many fair Promises to recompence him with the like Deserts, if he would undertake to challenge Fortunatus to try in Jousting who should have both the Jewels. Timothy having no Power to deny the Request of so many good Fellows, made open Challenge unto Fortunatus before the Ladies and Gentlemen to Joust with him, and that who-soever obtained the Prize, should possess both the Jewels. When Fortunatus heard that, he took

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no great Deliberation, but accepted the Challenge with a valiant Courage. This being noised among the Lords, they gladly drew together to see this Combat. The Challenger and Defender, each of them well appointed, came to the Tilt-yard,



where they encountred with a manly and valiant Courage, being on either Part stirred with a fervent Desire both of Lucre and Fame. At the fourth Course Fortunatus hoisted Timothy from his Horse the Space of a Spear's Length; where-with he won the Victory, and obtained the Jewels, esteemed more worth than Two Hundred Crowns, by this was the Envy of his Fellow Servants more vehemently increased, and the

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Earl himself rejoiced greatly, that one of his Retinue had so victoriously won the chief Prize. However he understood not of the Grudge and Malice that his Men had against Fortunatus, neither durst any Man disclose it unto him.

Among the Earl's Servants there was one an old subtle Fellow, named Robert, who offered himself to practise a Trick of Knavery in behalf of all his Fellow-Servants, promising unto them, that if they would give unto him Ten Crowns in ready Money, he would bring it to pass, that the Italian should depart of his own accord, without taking Leave of his Lord, or of any other, and that none thereof should be suspected.

Then said his Fellows, *If thou canst do as thou hast said, why dost thou delay to attempt the same?* He answered, *Stay a while, for I cannot do it without present Money; but if every one of you will give me half a Crown, I will repay unto each of you a whole Crown if I do not perform what I have said.*

They were all willing to grant this Request, so that they speedily collected the Sum of Fifteen Crowns, and gave them to Robert, who willed them to speak no more unto him concerning that Matter, and that every one should behave himself accordingly as he had done before. From henceforth this Robert became daily Companion to Fortunatus, shewing himself very friendly to him, inveigling him with pleasant Conversation, and recounting of Things done in the Country, which was to Fortunatus delighting. He inured and enticed him to the Company of fair Women, where he of his proper Charges would always send for Wine, and other Banquetting Junkets for their

their Company. Robert would also collogue with him, praising his Riches, Nobility, and valiant Courage, which pleased Fortunatus. And when he would offer him Money for their Expences, Robert would not suffer him to pay any Part; saying, *That he loved him better than any of his Brethren, and therefore thought all too little that was bestowed on him.* This Company of good Fellowship continued so long, that the rest of the Servants were therewith grieved, saying one to another:

Doth Robert mean to drive away Fortunatus with such a Life? It is rather to be supposed that if he were in Cyprus again, and to have such pleasant Entertainment, he would think it long e'er he were returned hither; surely he doth not fulfil his Promise, and therefore it is meet that we have our Money again. Robert being advertised thereof, scoffed at them, saying, *Would they have me make better Chear with their Money than I have done? Notwithstanding at the last, when the Money was near hand spent, on an Evening when the Earl and his Wite were gone to Rest, cometh Robert to Fortunatus into his Chamber secretly, and said, Even now hath the Master Chancellor told me a Secret, for he is my singular good Friend, and did earnestly forbid me upon Pain to lose his Friendship, that I should disclose it to no Man; but yet I cannot for the Friendship that is between us, conceal this Thing from thee, which so nearly toucheth thine Estate. Thus stands the Case; as thou knowest, our Lord hath a fair Woman to Wife, and hath many fair Gentlewomen with her; he hath of late conceived a Fancy, and is become very Jealous of his Spouse,*

Spouse, and the other Gentlewomen, left his young Chamberlains be enamoured, and so provoked to carnal Lust; and altho' he dare repose such Confidence in them, that they would consent to no Dishonesty, yet can he not well put out of his Mind what a blind Thing Love is, and when it is once kindled, how hard it is quenched; and that when true Lovers are linked with like Affections, nothing may separate them but Death. To prevent this, he is counselled, and fully minded on the Morrow to ride to Lausan, where he is at Law with an Earl concerning certain Money and Land, and designs to go thither with all his Men about him, because he is inform'd that the Earl of St. Paul, his Adversary, will be there also with no small Company, richly accoutred. And while he remains there, he will cause the four Chamberlains to be Gelded whether they will or no, and then set them in their Office as before. He will also shew the Matter unto his Wife, forbidding her to disclose it unto any Person. However he knoweth well that he cannot long conceal it from her Waiting Gentlewomen, who will most likely speak of it to others, so that by passing from one to another, it will be spread Abroad. And by this means he pretendeth to prevent all Mischief that might chance among you thro' amorous Love, for he considereth that no Woman regardeth a Gelded Man.

When Fortunatus had heard this Report, he was therewith amazed; and then ask'd him, *Whether he knew any Way whereby he might convey himself with Speed out of the City, saying, I will not in any Case abide the Presence of my Lord, tho' he would give me all his Lands, no, tho' he would make me King of England, would I serve him any longer:*

longer : I pray therefore, said Fortunatus, help me, good Friend Robert, and give me some Counsel how I may speedily depart. Robert answered, saying, Thou knowest all the Gates of the City be now shut, that none can go out or in until To-morrow the Bell warneth to Service : But, my beloved Fortunatus, if I myself were in your Case, I would not greatly refuse it, considering the great Love and Affection that thy Lord hath conceived towards thee, whereby thou art like to come to great Preferment. — Then, said Fortunatus, I would rather become a Beggar, to wander as a Vagabond from Place to Place, than to endure such a Shame. Then spake Robert again, saying, I am sorry that I ever advertised thee of these Things ; since thou wilt by no means here longer remain, let me hear from you by Letter where you are, that when our Lord shall be sufficiently provided of gelded Men to be his Chamberlains, I may let you know, that you may repair hither again ; for I do not doubt but at any time you will be entertained by the Earl. — To this answered Fortunatus, saying, You shall have no Occasion to write or send to me, for so long as I live I will not come to this Court any more ; I therefore earnestly request thee not to disclose my Departure until I have been three Days away. — Which Thing Robert promised him, and so took his Leave of him, pretending that he was very sorry. Thus this traiterous Judas imposed on Fortunatus. It was about Midnight, when every one was gone to rest ; but Fortunatus's Head was full of Thought, so that every Hour seemed unto him three, for he feared lest the Earl should hear of his Departure, and cause

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him to be detained. So passing all the Night in Fear and Grief, at the Break of Day he took his Journey on Horseback, with Hounds following him, as tho' he had intended to hunt; but rode so swiftly, that if one of his Eyes had fallen out of his Head, he would scarcely have given himself Time to have taken it up.

C H A P. IV.

How the Earl was exceeding sorry for the sudden Departure of Fortunatus.

WHEN Fortunatus had ridden Ten Miles, he bought another Horse, and sent back again unto the Earl, his Horse and his Hounds, so that he might have no Occasion to pursue after him. When the Earl understood that Fortunatus had departed without Leave, and as he knew no Cause whereat he might be offended, neither had he paid him his Wages, he greatly marvelled, and thereupon demanded of all his Servants, whether they knew any Occasion of his departing? They all denied that they knew any thing of his going, and swore that they had not by any Means to their Knowledge affronted him. Then went the Earl to the Ladies and Gentlewomen, enquiring likewise of them, whether they had moved him to any Displeasure, or whether they knew the Cause of his going away without Leave. The Countess and all the other Gentlewomen answered, that they knew not of any Thing that might offend him either in Word or Deed; but that in the Evening before his Departure he was exceeding merry and pleasant; him

reporting unto them of the Attire of Women, and of many other Usages and Customs of his Country, and that in such rough Language, as we could not refrain from Laughter, and he himself was Laughing with us; and so with no worse Countenance, he left our Company. Then said the Earl, altho' the Cause of his Flight be now conceal'd from me I doubt not but hereafter I shall be advertised thereof, and if I shall know that any of mine was the Occasion of it, I shall be sharply revenged on him; for I know that Fortunatus is not fled without some great Cause. I am sure he hath gotten about 500 Crowns while he was here; and I thought he would not have departed so suddenly; but I perceive he is not minded to return, seeing he hath taken with him all his Jewels and his Substance.

When Robert perceived that his Lord was so grieved for Fortunatus, great Fear fell on him, lest any of his Fellows should betray him, that he went away by his Procurement; whereupon he went to every one particularly, requiring them not to disclose his Doings, which they faithfully promised him; and were very instant to know by what means he brought his Purpose to pass, and that he so suddenly went away: At length to one that was most in his Favour, and was more importunate than the rest, he told that Fortunatus had shewed him the State of his Father, how he was become poor, and served in the King of Cyprus' Court; whereupon, said Robert, I have shewed him that a Post was passed this Way from the King of Cyprus, towards the King of England, to advertise him of the
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King of Cyprus' Death, for they were near of Kindred; which Post reported unto me, That the King had exalted the State of Theodorus his Father, and had given him the Earldom of Anselmus de Teraceno, who died without any Heir, by reason whereof the Earldom was fallen into the King's Hand; for which Theodorus making the first Suit, obtained it, and both he and his Heirs were therein confirmed by his Letters Patent. When I had told him, he scarcely believed me; and thereupon said I, Would my Father had sped no worse; notwithstanding upon this only he is departed. When the others of his Fellows heard this, they said among themselves, How uncircumspect was Fortunatus? For if such good Fortune had chanced unto him, and he had told our Earl thereof, doubtless he would have given him a good Word, with some of us to accompany him, and so he would have been honourably received into his own Country, and also still have retained the Favour and Friendship of his Lord and Master.

C H A P. V.

How Fortunatus came to London, and consumed his Money in the Company of riotous Persons and Harlots.

NOW we shall leave the Earl of Flanders, with his Men, who knew little how Robert had deceived Fortunatus with a Lie; however heard afterwards that Fortunatus did well. Who when he had sent back his Lord's Horse, yet fearing lest he should be pursued, travelled

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with all Speed till he came to Calais, where he took Shipping; and yet thought himself scarcely out of Danger, even in the midst of the Seas, the Fear of Gelding so sorely troubled his Conscience: When he was arrived in England, setting all Fear aside, he took Courage again, and came to London, which is a great City, frequented of Merchants from all Countries of Europe. Thither at his Arrival was come a Ship from Cyprus, freighted with costly Wares, the Factors whereof were two young Merchants, who had in Cyprus rich Parents, and this being the first Journey they ever undertook, were unacquainted how to behave themselves in strange Countries, but only by their Fathers Instructions. When their Ships therefore were unloaden, their Wares sold, great Sums of Money received, and the Customs discharged, they were merry and jocular, as such Youths commonly be, which have not been accustomed to the handling and use of Money: Into the Company of these young Men chanced Fortunatus, with whom he soon made himself acquainted, shewing them all Offices of Friendship in a strange Country. These three happen'd into a Company of other young Extravagants, who usually haunted the Houses of Harlots, Gamesters, and other disorderly People; so that if one had gotten a fine Woman, the other would get a finer, whatsoever it cost him; This Life they led for the space of half a Year, till their Money was gone, and then they thought it was Time to take Care of themselves.

CHAP. VI.

How the two Cyprus Merchants, when their Money was spent, returned home.

FORTUNATUS had the least Spring, so that his Well was soon emptied; and the others also were drawn almost dry, and had consum'd what they had receiv'd for their Wares, on sumptuous Banquets and fair Women; then was all their hot Love quenched with a cold Purse, tho' they perswaded themselves otherwise, and had often heard it scoffingly said unto them, Go and fetch more Money. In the mean while the other Merchants of Cyprus were ready to repair home, and the Master of the Ship gave Warning to the young Men to be in a Readiness, who went forthwith to their Lodging, to make their Accounts with heavy Hearts, finding that they had received vast Sums of Money; but that which they should have bestow'd in Wool, Cloth, Tin, Lead, and other Merchandize, they had consum'd on English Beer, delicate Fare, and Womens Flesh. And notwithstanding, tho' they were now but bare Merchants, yet they took Ship with the rest; and came home without Goods. But how they were entertain'd by their Fathers at their Return, we know not.



CHAP. VII.

*How Fortunatus was entertained into Service,
and how his Master came into great Trouble.*

NOW Fortunatus, being moneyless, be-
thought himself, that if he might get two
or three Crowns, he could go into France, there
to get him a Master; so went he to his Love,
requiring her to lend him Fifteen Shillings, say-
ing, He would go into Flanders to his Uncle,
to fetch 4000 Crowns, which he had in his Cu-
stody, and before my Departure, said he, I
would fain make merry with you. She coldly
answer'd, saying, Goest thou to fetch Money?
God speed thee well, so it be to me no Hin-
drance: Whereby he perceived that he had but
a cold Suit to wait for Money at her Hands; and
then too late he thought in his Mind, if I had
my Money again, I would be more cautious on
whom I bestow'd it; and yet once more tried
he, saying, My Dear, send for some Wine, and
let us yet drink once together ere we part.
Whereupon she said to her Maid, Go and fetch
a Pint of Beer, and let the Ass drink ere he go.
This was the Thanks that a Harlot render'd
him for his Folly. Fortunatus being thus aban-
doned, thought with himself, I must obēy till I
have got two or three Crowns; So he went to
Lombard-street, where was a great Resort, en-
quiring who was destitute of a Servant. There
was a rich Merchant of Florence, that retained
many Servants, whom he employed in his Tra-
ffick, of him was Fortunatus hired for two
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Crowns a Month. Being entertained, he went home with his Master Jeronimus Roberti, whom he served at the Table very handsomely; whereby he perceived that Fortunatus had been well trained up; so that in process of Time he sent him to bestow the Merchandize into the Ships, and to receive others that came into the Realm, in which Affairs he behaved himself very well. About the Time when Fortunatus served Jeronimus Roberti, there was a Florentine, named Andrew, the Son of a rich Merchant, to whom his Father had given much Goods, and sent him therewithal to Bruges in Flanders, which he unthriftyly in short Time consumed; and being therewith not satisfied, took up also more Money by Bills of Exchange, making his Father believe that he would send him many rich Merchandizes. This he used so long, till his Father was unable to disburse any more Money, but waited still to receive the Wares which he looked for from his Son, which are yet to come. When the unthrifty Varlet had consumed all, and lost his Credit, so that no Man would lend, nor give, nor trust him any more, he pretended to return again into Florence, to spy out there some old Widow whom he might abuse. As he travelled Home, he came into a Town of France, called Turn, where there lay in Prison a rich Gentleman of England, a Citizen of London, which when his Host had declared unto him, he asked if he might speak with the Prisoner; the Host said, I will bring you thither, but he is so fast imprisoned, that it is pitiful to behold. When Andrew came to the Prisoner,

he spake good English, whereof the Prisoner was glad, asking him whether he knew one Jeronimus Roberti at London? He answer'd, I know him well, he is my good Friend. Then answer'd the Prisoner, Good Andrew, would to God I might entreat thee to go to London, and require Jeronimus Roberti to do his best, that I may be deliver'd; he is my near Acquaintance, and knoweth my Ability, whatsoever he shall lay out for me, I will restore it to him threefold: If thou wouldst do this diligently in my Behalf, I will give thee for thy Pains Five Hundred Crowns, and also procure thee a good Office. Thou shalt shew my Friends also that thou hast spoken with me, and request them to become Sureties for me to Jeronimus. Andrew made a Promise to the Prisoner to deal truly in the Matter, and so travell'd towards London, where declaring the Matter to Jeronimus Roberti, he was well contented, so that he might have for one Crown three: And altho' he knew Andrew to be a lewd Fellow, nevertheless he said to him, Go to his Friends, and try if thou canst in the King's Court provide Sureties for me, and then will I be ready to disburse the Money. Andrew went forth to search the Prisoner's Friends, to whom he declared how the Case stood with him, and that he lay in Prison fast bound. His Friends seemed little to regard his Misery, but bid him go to the King or his Counsel, and let them know, for he went on the King's Service: When he came to the Court, and could have no Redress in the Matter, he heard say the King of England had espoused his Daughter to the Duke

of Burgundy, and that thither he intended to send certain Jewels of great Price, the Carriage whereof he had committed to a certain Gentleman which had a Wife and Children in London.

As Andrew understood in the Court that such rich Jewels were committed to such a Gentleman, he got into his Company, saying That he was certified that the King would send certain Jewels to the Duke of Burgundy by him; wherefore he desired him to let him see them; for, said he, I am a Jeweller also; and hearing at Florence that the King made Enquiry for the most expert in our Faculty, I am come so far in hope the King would buy some of me. The Gentleman said to him, Stay here a-while, till I be dispatched, and then shall you go with me, and I will shew them unto you. When he came again to Andrew, he took him home to his House, being then Dinner-Time, wherefore he said, we will first dine. When Dinner was over, he carried him to his Chamber, and there opening a fair Armory, brought out of it a Coffer wherein were the Jewels, which he viewed at his Pleasure. The Jewels were very precious, amounting to the Value of threescore thousand Crowns, and the more one beheld them, the fairer they seemed: Andrew praised them greatly, and said, I have yet some, that if they were as well set as these be, would no doubt disgrace some of these. The Gentleman liked what he said, thinking with himself, If he had so costly Jewels, the King would yet bestow more Money. Andrew said, To-morrow shall you dine with me, in Jeronimus Roberti's House,

where I will shew you my Jewels. This pleased the Gentleman extreamly. Andrew went to Jeronimus Roberti, and said, I have found out a Man in the Court, who I trust will assist me to deliver the Prisoner, and that you should have good Security in the King's Custom-house. That liked Jeronimus well: Andrew said, I pray you appoint the Dinner To-morrow somewhat the costlier, for I shall bring him with me to dine with us. The next Day brought Andrew the Man with him; but before they sat down, he privately warned Jeronimus that he should not find much Talk for the Person, for the Matter must be secretly managed. They at down and were very merry, and stayed some Time; but Jeronimus rose up and went into his Study; at the last said Andrew to the Gentleman, Come you up with me into my Chamber, and I will shew you my Jewels: So they went up together into a Chamber over the Hall where they Dined, and there Andrew making an Offer as tho' he would have open'd a great Coffer, drew his Knife privately, and stuck the Gentleman, and then cut his Throat; that done, he took from his Thumb a Gold Ring, whereon his Seal was engraven, and took his Keys from his Girdle, and went to the Gentleman's House, and said to his Wife, Madam, your Husband hath sent me unto you, willing you to send him the Jewels which he shewed me Yesterday, and for a Token of Truth doth he send you here his Ring and the Keys of his Armory: The Woman believing his Words, searched narrowly, but found not the Jewels in
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none of the three Armories. Then she gave him the Keys again, and said, Go tell him we can find none, let him come himself and fetch them where they lie. Andrew being afraid, having committed so shameful a Murder, and yet was frustrate of his Purpose, he purposed to fly; but while he went to the Gentleman's House, the Blood soaked thro' the Boards into the Hall, which when Jeronimus espied, he asked his Man from whence came that Blood, who ran up to see, and found the Gentleman slain.



C H A P. VIII.

How Andrew escaping, Jeronimus and his Retinue were imprisoned for the Murder.

AS they stood thus amazed, came the Varlet Andrew, to whom they all said, What hast thou done in murdering this Man? He an-

swer'd, He would have murder'd me, hoping to have found costly Jewels about me, and therefore I had rather kill than be killed. Be still therefore, and make no Outcry, I will cast the Body into the Privy, and if any Enquiry be made for him, say ye, Soon after Dinner he departed, and since that ye saw him not. So when he had convey'd the dead Body into the Privy, he hasted Night and Day to avoid the Country, fearing to stay any where lest he should be pursued, and so suffer Death for the Murder; yea, when he had fled as far as Venice, where he there offer'd himself to be a Rower in a Galley that went to Alexandria, where as soon as he arrived, he renounced the Christian Faith, and therefore was the better esteemed, and safe from the Danger of the Murder, altho' he had slain an hundred Christians. The same Day that the Murder was committed, came Fortunatus home to London from Sandwich, where he had laden certain Wares of his Master's into a Ship. And when he perceived that he was not so welcome as he used to be, and that his Master, his Companions, and the rest of the Household were not so merry as he had left them, seem'd surpriz'd, and desir'd to be inform'd what might be the Cause of it. The Maid, which her Master lov'd well, said unto him, Be not thou troubled, Fortunatus, for our Master hath received Letters from Florence, that one of his dear Friends is dead, whom he so entirely loved as his own Brother, tho' he was not so near of Kin, as to go in Mourning for him. Fortunatus hearing this, made no more ado, but seemed to be sorry with

with them : Now the Gentleman's Wife, as her Husband came not home, nor sent the Cause of his Stay all Night, was uneasy ; but in the Morning she sent one of her Friends to Court, to know whether her Husband were there, or if the King had sent him any where else : The King's Counsel hearing that Enquiry was made for him, they wonder'd that he appear'd not in the Court, and when the King also was acquainted, he order'd a Messenger to go to his House, to know if he was there, and had the Jewels about him. For the King mistrusted him, tho' he thought him to be an honest Man, yet it was not unlikely that he might be tempted with the Value of his Charge. So when every one had asked each other, and none could give any Account where the Gentleman was gone, the King order'd that his House should be searched for the Jewels : When his Wife was asked for him, and for the Jewels, and what he said when he went away ; she said, it is the third Day since I saw him, and then he told me he went to Dine with one of Florence, and in the Afternoon sent one to me with his Signet and his Keys, desiring me to send him the Jewels. The Messenger moreover signified to me, that he was in the House of Jeronimus Roberti, where were, as he said, many Jewels also, and that he would confer the one Sort with the other. So I led him into the Chamber, and with those Keys open'd the Armory, but the Jewels could not be found, and the Man returned without them. Then they demanded of her, whether he had several Places to put them in. She answer'd, no ;
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for the chiefest Things he maketh account of, as Deeds, Letters, Seals, and such like, doth he lay up in the Armory. The Jewels were once there also, but not at that Time, for if they had, I would have sent them unto him. The Searchers hearing this, brake up all the Coffers, Chests, Trunks, and Cupboards in the House, and yet the Jewels could they not find; whereat the King's Messengers were very much surprized, and the Gentlewoman exceedingly amazed, to see her House so misused. When this was told the King, he grieved more for the Jewels, than for the Money that was bestowed on them, for altho' he had Money enough, yet could he not have the like Jewels at his Pleasure: The King and his Counsel being in this Perplexity, knew not what to do, but in the End concluded to apprehend Jeronimus Roberti with all his Family, to give an Account what was become of the Man; which was so done the fifth Day after the Gentleman was murder'd. So the Sheriff, waiting till Supper-time, entred the House, where he found them all together; namely, the two Masters, the two Servants of Accounts, a Cook, a House-keeper, two Maidens, and Fortunatus, so that there were in the whole nine Persons, who were all brought to Prison, and placed every one a-part from the other, and examined where the two Men were? They answered all alike, That presently after Dinner they went their Way, and since that they neither saw nor heard of them. But the Sheriff not herewith content, took all the Keys of the House, and narrowly searched the Stables, Cellars, and

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Warehouses where they might have buried the Man, and yet found him not. But as they were departing, one among the Searchers, who had a burning Torch in his Hand, set a Handful of Straw on Fire, and threw it into the Privy, so looking down, espied the dead Body with the Legs upwards; and then cry'd out, The Man lies murder'd in the Privy. Then they drew him out, and laid him before Jeronimus Roberti's Door. When the Citizens of London understood of this Murder, they made such an Outcry upon the Florentines and Lombards, that they were forc'd to keep them close in their Houses, lest if they were seen Abroad, they should be knock'd down by the People.

These Tidings were speedily brought to the King, who commanded to Rack the Master and all the rest, whereby the Truth might be brought out, and their Confessions severally penn'd, especially concerning the Jewels. So the Executioner first racked Jeronimus very grievously, desiring him to tell who committed the Murder, and where the Jewels were. Jeronimus perceiving by the extream Pain he was put to, that the King and his Officers had Intelligence of the Murder committed in the House, without his Knowledge or Consent, therefore he was exceeding sorry: And when he saw there was no Remedy but Patience, he declared how every Thing had happen'd, saying, *That one Andrew had required him to prepare a costly Dinner, signifying that he should bring a Gentleman to Dinner with him, whom he had procured to assist him to deliver a Prisoner that that was at Turn*

in France, which Thing, said he, I did for the Honour of the King and the whole Realm, neither know I of any Thing else. Now when Dinner was done, I took no Regard of them, but went to my Study to write; and when I had done, coming forth again, I espied Blood dropping from the Chamber above, into the Hall, whercat I being astonished, sent my Servant to see what it should be, who told me as it was. And as it happened, at the very Instant came in this Villain Andrew, to whose Charge I laid this Murder, who answered, saying, The other would have murder'd me, but by God's Help I prevented his Design, and slew him, and so cast him into the Privy; and then he suddenly fled, and where he is I know not. The very same in every respect did all the others affirm, when they were Racked; but Fortunatus confessed nothing, tho' he was Racked likewise; for he was not in the House when this Mischief happen'd, and therefore clearly ignorant of the Matter.

C H A P. IX.

How Jeronimus Roberti and his Family were hanged, Fortunatus only escaping.

WHEN as by all the Policies and Extremities they had tried, no farther Knowledge could be had, the King very much incensed with Anger, caused them all to be hanged on a new Pair of Gallows, and their dead Bodies to be fastned thereto with Iron Chains. And when as they one after another suffered Execution, there remained as yet alive Fortunatus and the Cook. And when Fortunatus was in this Perplexity, not know-

knowing but that he should be hanged also, he thought with himself Would God I had continued with my Master the Earl, and suffered myself to be Gelded, then had I not come to this loathsome and vile Death. When the Cook (who was an Englishman) last of all saw Fortunatus like to be executed, he cried, and declared before all the Poople, that Fortunatus was intirely innocent, and knew nothing of the Matter. Whereupon by great Entreaty, and that he was no Florentine, and also unguilty, the Sheriff said to him, Get thee quickly hence, for if thou be found by the Way, the Women will surely kill thee. So he gave certain Men charge to convey him over the Water, and conduct him safely unto the Seaside.

When Jeronimus with his Family were thus dispatched, the King permitted his House to be spoiled: However, the Officers had feathered their Nest with the best before. When the Florentines and Lombards heard say, that such Havock was made of Jeronimus's Goods, they were sore afraid both of their Lives and Goods, tho' they were in nothing guilty; they then collected among them a handsome Sum of Money, which they sent to the King, to purchase his Goodwill for their Safety. The King being much moved with Pity, granted them Licence to occupy and traffick as they did before.



How the King's Jewels were found under a Bedstead, and delivered to him again.

AFTER all Things were in this Sort finished, it behoved the King to make farther Enquiry for the Jewels, on which, as he had bestowed much Money before, so on Condition he might possess them again, he would be content to have paid for them the second Time. Wherefore he caused to be published, That those who brought the first Account of them, should for a Reward have five hundred Marks: This was also proclaimed in other Nations, and Letters were sent to many Princes and Lords of strange Countries, that if any came to sell such Jewels, they should be stopt, and Tidings sent thereof: However there was no hearing of them, altho' every Man would gladly have done what lay in his Power, only to have had the Reward. Thus passed the Time, till the Gentlewoman did solemnize the Funeral Obsequies of her Husband at the Month's End. And when the Time of chief Mourning was over-passed, she invited her Acquaintance and Neighbours to make good Chear with her: Amongst them was one that lately had lost her Husband, who said, If you will follow my Advice, I will teach you how you shall soon forget the Death of your Husband. Make your Bed in another Chamber; or if you please not so to do, remove it from one Place to another, and when you go to Bed, call to your Mind some lusty young Man, whom you could desire to be your

your Spouse, and say to yourself, The Dead with the Dead, and the Living with the Living ; for so did I after my Spouse's Death. Then said the Gentlewoman, Alas, good Play-fellow, but I loved my Spouse so well, and with so good Affection, that I cannot forget him so soon: Howbeit she earnestly imprinted the Words in her Mind ; and so soon as the Company was gone, she began to remove the Bedsteads, Chests, and Coffers, so that unawares by one of the Beds-Fect she found a little Coffer wherein were the Jewels ; which the Gentlewoman well knowing, set aside for a while, and nevertheless continued her Moying till she had done. After that, she sent for one of her Kinsmen, to whom she declared that she had found the King's Jewels by chance, and that if she had not removed the Bed, they might have lain long enough there unknown, for that none would have sought in such a Place for them : So she required his Advice how she might bestow them ; who hearing that the Jewels were luckily found, greatly rejoiced, and said to her : *If you desire my Counsel in this Case, and will accept well thereof, I would wish you well to do. Take the Jewels, and I will go with you to make Means to speak with the King himself, and to deliver the Jewels into his own Hands, and also you shall shew him the plain Truth, by what Chance you found them, referring to his Courtesy, what Reward he will give you ; for if the Jewels should be closely embezzled from the King, it becometh to carry them into a strange Country to be sold, where I warrant you he will lay privy wait, if any such be offered to the Jewellers,*
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and then the King being advertised thereof, all them that have had to do with them, the both Body and Goods, and the Jewels notwithstanding should be restored to him again.

This Counsel the Woman liked very well; and so decking herself in comely Widow's Attire, went with her Kinsman to the Court, there making earnest Suit to speak with the King himself. The King being informed thereof, she was admitted to his Presence in the Chamber of State. When she came before the King, she humbly on her Knees said, Most gracious Lord, I your poor Hand-maid, am come to signify unto your Majesty, that the Jewels which were committed unto my Husband, your Servant, to be delivered into the Dutchies of Burgundy, are found this Day under a Bedstead, as I by Chance removed my Bed, and so presently with all Speed I have made Haste to present the same unto your Majesty.

The King forthwith opened the Coffer, and found all the Jewels as they ought to be, whereof he was exceeding glad; and so delivered them into the Jewel-house to be kept. The King then conceived very well of her Diligence, for that she would not hazard them on the Credit of any other, but delivered them with her own hands. And forasmuch as also through the Occasion of the Jewels she had lost her Husband, he thought, in Reason, that she should by some Means or other be recompensed with a special Reward, whereby her Sorrow might be diminished. Wherefore he ordered a lusty and courageous young Gentleman of the Court to be called
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unto him, to whom he said, I will now request a Thing of thee, which I trust you will not deny me. The young Gentleman answered, saying, Gracious Lord, you shall not use such Intreaty, but command me what you please, and I will be obedient. With that the King forth-



with sent for a Chaplain, and even in his Presence did he marry these two together, and bestowed on them rich Gifts; who lived happily many Years one with the other.

The Gentlewoman afterwards went to her Playfellow, and thanked her very kindly for the Counsel which she gave her to remove her Bedstead, which, said she, if I had not done, the King had not enjoyed his Jewels again; neither had I gotten such a comely young Man to be my
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Husband. Therefore I perceive it is good sometimes to follow a Friend's Advice.

C H A P. XI.

How Fortunatus straying in a Wood was benighted, and in Danger of his Life.

NOW return we to shew how Fortunatus fared since he escaped Hanging: For whereas at his Departure he was destitute of Money, and beset with Peril and Danger, he speedily convey'd himself out of England, and arrived in Picardy, where he would gladly have served, but could get no Master; so he went farther, and was come to Britain, where he adventuring to pass through a large Wood, was driven to stay all Day long, and could find no Way out. And being benighted, he espy'd an old House where some Glaſs had been made, whereof he was glad, supposing to have found some People therein. But when he came thither there was no Creature, nevertheless he stayed there all Night with extreme Hunger and Thirst, and also in great Fear of the Wild Beasts which there haunted, greedily longing for the Day, and prayed God to helphim out of the Wood, lest he should perish for want of Food. In the Morning he intended to cross the next Way out of the Wood, but it chanced contrary in the Length; for the farther he went on, the more he stray'd, and thus wander'd he the second Day also, with much Grief; And when the Night came on, he happen'd on a Fountain, and being feeble, for that he had receiv'd no Sustenance in two Days, drank thereof

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with such an Appetite, that he was thereby somewhat refreshed.

As he sat him down by this Fountain, (the Moon shining clear) he heard a great Noise in the Wood, as it had been the Grunting of Bears, wherefore he stirr'd his Stumps, and convey'd himself a little aside out of Sight : And therewithall devising how he might best shift to be safe from the Wild Beasts, he climbed up a Tree well cover'd with Boughs, not far from the Fountain, from whence he beheld many Sorts of Wild and Savage Beasts coming to drink. Among them



all was a Bear not fully grown, which espy'd Fortunatus, and began to climb up the Tree after him, whereat he was sore afraid. And when he had climbed as far as he was able, he standing on a bough, drew his Sword, and stucked the Bear in the Head, and wounded him elsewhere in many Places ; whereupon the fierce Bear so greedily stretched himself at Fortunatus, that the Bough brake whereon he stayed ; and so fell to the Ground. When Fortunatus perceived the
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Coast clear from all other Beasts, save only the Bear, that could now scarcely remove himself, he descended from the Tree, and thrust his Sword through him, and then laying his Mouth to the Wound, sucked out the warm Blood, wherewith he was somewhat refresh'd, and lay down and slept by the Bear until Morning.

C H A P. XII.

How the Lady Fortune gave to Fortunatus a Purse that never wanted Money.

AS soon as he awaked, he saw standing before him a fair and beautiful Woman, muffled over the Eyes. Wherefore he praised and thanked God devoutly, that yet he beheld one of Mankind before his Death. And to the Woman he said, I beseech thee sweet Virgin, for the Love of God, to assist me, that I may come out of this Wood, for this is the third Day that I have here irksomely wander'd without any Meat, and herewith declared to her also, what had chanced concerning the Bear. Then demanded she of him, saying, Of what Country art thou, and what moved thee to come hither? He answer'd, I am of the Isle of Cyprus, and Poverty hath constrain'd me to wander; I care not greatly whither, until such Time as God (when it pleaseth him) shall provide for me a compleat Living.

She said, Fear not, Fortunatus, for I am Lady Fortune, and by the Influence of the Heavens Stars, and Planets, are given me six Powers which I may bestow on one or more for a long Time, or short Space, according to the Govern-

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the ment of the Cælestial Planets, and the Permission
 , he of the Almighty God. The which are, viz.
 word Wisdom, Riches, Strength, Health, Beauty,
 the and Long Life. Chuse one of these six, and
 with make no long musing, for the Hour of Choice is
 and near hand past. I was sent by the Divine Power,
 to bestow one of these worldly Gifts on thee,



which thy Affection doth most desire. Fortu-
 natus took no longer Deliberation of the Matter,
 but said, then I desire of Riches such Plentv, that
 I may never lack so long as I live : With that,
 forthwith she gave to him a Purse, and said, Re-
 ceive this same of me, and in what Country so-
 ever thou art, as often as thou puttest thy Hand
 into it, thou shalt draw forth Ten Pieces of Gold
 of the same Nation's Coin. And this Purse shall
 retain this Virtue during the Life of thee, and of
 thine own Children, whosoever shall possess it,
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either thou, or thy Children, or any other ; but no longer after your Deaths : Therefore esteeme it accordingly, and take special Care thereof.

Then said Fortunatus, Right courteous and bountifull Lady, forasmuch as you have freely bestow'd such an incomparable Jewel on me, Gratitude binds me to do something for your Sake, least this worthy Benefit, in Time, slip out of my Remembrance. She answer'd him demurely, saying, If thou had'st chosen Wisdom instead of Riches, thou would'st not have been so careful to yeild Recompence where it is not deserv'd ; for knowest thou not I am guided by the Finger of the Omnipotent God ? And perceivest thou not that my Eyes are muffled ; not regarding whom I pleasure, not seeing where I bestow ? Render Thanks therefore only where it's due, unto the Giver of all good Gifts, to whom thou can'st yield no better Recompence, than of thy Riches freely received, to bestow on the Poor and Needy, where, when, and to whom it is expedient.

Then said Fortunatus, This will I willingly perform to the utmost of my Power, and therewith made a solemn Vow, That this Day he would evermore keep holy, and in what Country soever he were, he would bestow on the same Day 400 Pieces of Gold of that Nation's Coin, upon some Marriageable Virgin, in perpetual Remembrance how he first obtained his Riches. Then, said the Lady, Follow me, and she led him as by chance (as the Blind casteth his Staff) overthwart the Wood iuto a beaten Way, willing him to follow that Path, without turning on the Left-hand or the Right, and that he should

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not look which way she went, neither any more trust unto her. Fortunatus did as she willed him, and travell'd speedily till he came out of the Wood; where he espyed a great House which was an Inn, where Men that passed the Wood, to and fro, usually refresh'd themselves. Before he approach'd the House, he took the Purse out of his Bosom, to try whether the Lady's Promise would prove effectual, that he might have wherewith to pay his Charges; and putting his Hand into the Purse, drew out Ten Crowns, whereof he was very glad; and then enter'd joyfully into the Inn, calling presently to the Host for the best Meat he had, saying, He well would content him, for he was very hungry. That pleased the Host very well, and so he furnished the Table with very good Fare.



C H A P. XIII.

How Fortunatus, for buying certain Horses, was taken Prisoner, and in Danger of his Life.

NOW when Fortunatus had sufficiently slack'd his Hunger and Thirst, he rested there three Days to refresh his empty Stomach and weary Limbs, and at his Departure bought of the Host a compleat Harness, to the intent he might be the sooner entertained, and so discharging the Host to his full Contentment departed farther. There was two Miles from the Wood a little Town; with a Castle, wherein dwelt an Earl, which had Jurisdiction of the Wood granted him by the Duke of Britain. Fortunatus passing that Way, entred the best Inn of the Town, and asked the Host if he knew of any good Horses to be bought? The Host answered, Yesterday came a strange Merchant with fifteen fair Palfreys, intending to sell them at the Feast that the Duke of Britain doth make to the King's Daughter of Arragon, among which our Earl hath chosen three of the best, and hath offered for them three hundred Crowns, but the Merchant demanded twenty more. Fortunatus being thus certify'd, went to his Chamber, and privately took out of his Purse 600 Crowns, which he put into a Bag, and said to the Host, Where is the Merchant with his Horses? I would fain see them. The Host said, I believe the Man will scarcely let you see them, for he was very unwilling to shew them unto the Earl. Then said Fortunatus, If
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the Horses like n.e well, I dare perhaps sooner buy ~~them~~ than the Earl: The Host supposed he had but jested in so boasting himself, being so simply apparalled, and also a Footman; yet brought he him the Horse-master, with whom he communed so far, that they were brought forth and ridden before him. He liked them all well, but meant to buy those which the Earl had cheapen'd; wherefore he readily deliver'd for them three hundred and twenty Crowns, and order'd them to be brought to his Inn. He bespoke also costly Saddles and trim'd Furniture for them, and desir'd his Host to provide two comely Servants, to whom he promised to give good Entertainment. Whilst he was thus furnishing himself after the bravest Manner, the Earl had Intelligence that he had bought the Horses which he thought to have had, whereat he was greatly displeased and inwardly vexed, especially for that he was so disappointed, when as he purposed to accompany many noble Personages and Estates at the solemn Wedding-Feast. Wherefore in great Indignation he sent one of his Men to the Inn-keeper, to demand what Manner of Man he was, that had so spightfully bought the Horses out of his Hands. The Host said, he knew him not, but that he came into the Inn as a Footman, furnished with Armour as a Horse-man, requiring him to procure Horses for him, and promised therefore to content me. But after he had once dined with me, I liked him so well, that except he had paid me for the first, I would not have trusted him for the second, least he should have beguiled me. Then said the Servant to the Host.

Wherefore would you recommend him to the Horses? The Inn-keeper answered, ^{therein} have I done as every honest Host ought to do for his Guest in such a Case: And altho' he requir'd me to go with him to cheapeen such fair Horses, yet I thought him scarce able to buy silly Asses.

C H A P. XIV.

How Fortunatus was taken Prisoner, and strictly examined how he came by his Money.

THE Servant returning with this Answer to the Earl, who being informed that he was no Gentleman, commanded his Officers and Servants, in a great Rage, to lay hands on him, saying, That he had surely committed some great Robbery, or murder'd some Man. The Servants executed his Commandment, and enclosed him in a loathsome Prison, asking, whence, and what he was?

He answered, I was born in a Town of Cyprus, called Famagosta, and I am the Son of a poor Gentleman.

Then asked the Earl, by what Means he got so much Money? He said, my Money is my own, truly gotten, and therefore I trust your Honour will not rigorously enforce me to recount from whence I had it: But if any Man can prove or say that I have done Wrong to any Creature, or came untruly by it, I shall willingly stand to thy Mercy. To this said the Earl, Thy prating will not avail thee, but thou shalt ere you depart, confess where and how thou hast

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obtained this Money ; with that he caused him to be brought to the Rack ; when Fortunatus saw how extreemly he should be dealt whithal, he was sore afraid, howbeit he purposed rather to die, then to open the secret Virtues of the Purse : But when he was Racked, and felt the grievous Pangs and Torments thereof, he cried to them to unloose him, and promised to utter whatsoever they would ask. Then being again demanded how he came by so many fair Crowns ? he said, After I had number'd three Days in the Wood, and with much ado, at length came out into the Fields, I found a Purse wherein were six hundred and ten Crowns : Then asked the Earl, Where is that Purse ? Fortunatus said, When I had told the Money, I put it in my own Bag, and cast the Purse into the River that runneth by the Wood. The Earl said, Thou Varlet, wilt thou rob me of that which is mine ? Thou shalt well understand, that both thy Body and Goods are forfeited unto me, forasmuch as whatsoever is in the Wood is mine own. Then said Fortunatus, Gracious Lord, I wist not of your Jurisdiction therein, for I thanked God therefore, and esteemed it as a Gift. And thinkest thou, said the Earl, this to be a sufficient Excuse for thee ? Did'st thou never hear say, That he which is ignorant must ask ? Therefore to be short, prepare thyself, for To-day will I take from thee thy Goods, and To-morrow thy Life.

Then thought Fortunatus with himself, Miserable Wretch that I am ! how uncircumspect was I, having the free Election of six Gifts, that I chose not Wisdom before the rest, for then

I had not fallen into this Danger and Thralldom. And then he craved for Mercy, saying, O gracious Earl, have Compassion on a poor wandering Wight, and seek not my Death, which will nothing avail you. Take unto you the Goods found, which be yours, and spare me my Life which God hath lent me, and I will evermore truly pray for your Estate.

The Earl was very loth to pardon him, because he feared he might make an ill Report of his Rigour, where he should come, which might turn to his Reproach among other noble Estates, they hearing thereof: Notwithstanding he being moved to Mercy by the Intreaty of his Men, granted him his Life, but bereft him of all his Goods, excepting the Harneſs; which he rendered to him again, with a Crown also in his Purſe: The Earl moreover in the Morning, before Day, commanded his Men to bring him without the Town, and there to take an Oath of him, that he should never again come into his Jurisdiction, so long as he lived: Fortunatus inwardly rejoiced that he had so well escaped, for if the Earl had but known the Truth, most likely he had been bereft of his most precious Purſe. After this Fortunatus came to Angiers, which is the chief Town of Britain, situated by the Sea-coast, where then lodged many Lords with noble Estates, waiting for the Appearance of the Dutcheſs, whom they purposed to welcome with all kind of Martial Games, Dancing, Masking, and other such triumphant Pastimes. Of this was Fortunatus very glad: And being desirous to advance himself among them, thought thus with him-

himself, If I should do in all Points as I might
if I list, peradventure I should be served as I
was lately by the Earl.

Howbeit he ventured once again to buy three
fair Horses, with costly Furniture, and hiring
two Servants, cloathed both them, and himself
presently in trim Apparel, and so lodged in the
best Inn of Angiers, there intending to wait the
Dutchess's coming, and to receive her in Com-
pany of other Gentlemen. So the Dutchess be-
ing Landed, was met by many Nobles of great
Estates, and so convey'd to Angiers, where the
Duke held a feast for the Space of six Weeks and
three Days.



How Fortunatus entertained an Irish Gentleman to be his Guide and Companion in Travelling.

Fortunatus, delighted in the Company of such lusty Gallants, and with the Sight of many sumptuous Shows, used very often to go and come to the Court, with his goodly Horses, and his two Men, leaving nothing worth behind him in the Inn; which the Host misliked, forasmuch as he knew him not, fearing lest he would give him the Slip, and leave him in the Lurch for his Charges, as others had done at the like Feasts before: Therefore said he unto Fortunatus, Good Friend (since I have so small Acquaintance with you) I pray you let me be discharged for what you have had every Day, before you ride to the Court. With that Fortunatus smiled, and said to the Host, I mean not to depart without paying you to the utmost; and for a sufficient Testimony to satisfy thy Mind, take here of me these hundred Crowns, and when thou thinkest that I and mine that come with me, have spent the Value thereof, tell it me, and I will give thee more: Neither will I expect any strict Account of thee. The Host received the Money, and after that, much more reverently esteemed Fortunatus, veiling his Bonnet always when he passed by; setting him in the worthiest Place at the Table, with the best, and placing him in a handsomer Chamber than he had before.

As Fortunatus sat at the Board with many Lords,

Lords, thither resorted several sorts of Musicians to make Mirth and Pastime for Money: Amongst whom, came before them a lusty Old Man, declaring unto them his Poverty: And said moreover, That he was a Gentleman of Ireland, and that in seven Years Space, he had travelled throughout Ten Empires, and Twenty Kingdoms, whereby, said he, I am driven to this poor Estate, and therefore I beseech your Honours to assist me with your courteous Liberality towards my Charges, to pass home into my Country: A certain Earl sitting at the Board, willed him to name all the Countries thro' which he had passed.

The old Gentleman did as he was requested truly, and at large: And said furthermore, There are few of these Kingdoms but have also, at the least, three or four Dukes under it, besides other Earls and Lords, both Spiritual and Temporal: All these have I seen, which have every one their proper Language, whereof I learned so much, as if need were, I could express my Mind in any of them. I have moreover in Writing, the Name of every King that then reigned when I was in the Court, and the true Distance from every Kingdom to the other. The Earl said, Would to God I had been with thee every where, so that I were here again as I am now; and therewith gave him four Crowns, and offered him also if he would stay there whilst the Feast lasted, to pay for his Charges: The Gentleman thanked him for his Gift and generous Proffer, and said, He much longed to see his Friends and native Country, and therefore was

loath any longer to stay. Fortunatus had given good Attention to the old Gentleman's Discourse, and thought in his Mind, If I might have him to guide me through strange Countries, I would richly reward him. So presently after Dinner, he sent for the Gentleman, and asked his Name, who answer'd, I am called Leopoldus. Then said Fortunatus, I perceive even now by your Words, that you have wander'd through many Kingdoms, I am a young Man, earnestly disposed to pass my Youth in Travel, for Experience and Wisdom ; if thou therefore wilt vouchsafe to be my Guide and Companion, I will give thee a good Horte for thyself, and another for thy Man, whom I will maintain to attend on thee, allowing you will spend with Reason, and I will esteem thee as my Brother.

Then said Leopoldus, I could be content to enjoy such courteous Entertainment, but alas ! I am Old, and have a Wife and Children, that know not what is become of me, and therefore natural Love compels me to return home again.

Then said Fortunatus, If thou wilt agree to fulfil my Request, I likewise faithfully promise thee, that I will also go with you into Ireland : And will moreover endow thyself, thy Wife, and thy Children (if they be alive) with sufficient, if our Journey speed well, and that we may safely return to Famagosta (that lieth in the Isle of Cyprus) and I will there provide thee a House, Men-servants and Maidens, and all things necessary during thy Life, if you approve of staying there.

Leopoldus thought with himself, This young Man promiseth me very much, and if he be able

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to perform it accordingly, it falleth out luckily for me in my old Age: And therewith said to Fortunatus, I am content to grant your Request, so far as you accomplish your Promise. But I would not wish you to undertake such a Matter, except you have so much ready Money as shall be requisite, for Travel requires infinite Charges, if we look to be well entreated.

Then said Fortunatus, for Money care thou not, for in every Country I can get enough. Be content therefore to promise that thou wilt remain with me to my full Journey's End. He said again: Promise you me also to give me that which you bequested: Thus did they faithfully vow, the one not to forsake the other, what Danger soever might betide: When they were thus both agreed, Fortunatus gave to Leopoldus 200 Crowns, saying, Go and buy two good Horses, and hire thee a Servant, or if you will a Couple, and when the Money is spent, I will give thee more. Leopoldus thinking this a good Beginning, furnish'd himself with a Horse and a Man. The like did Fortunatus also, and took with him but two Servants and a Page; so that they were in all six Persons, Then agreed they upon the Stages of their Journey, determining first to travel over the whole Empire of Rome, and so took their Way by Noremberg, Worms, Augsbuurg, Norlingen, Ulme, Constance, Basil, Strasburg, Mentz, Colen, and so from Colen to Bruges in Flanders, and from thence to London in England, which is the chief City of the Realm, and so next to Edingburgh, the head City of Scotland, which is nine Days Journey from London.

C H A P. XVI.

*How Fortunatus accompanied his Man home,
where they visited St. Patrick's Purgatory.*

AND when they were there, they had yet three Days Journey into Ireland, where Leopoldus dwelt: When they were arrived in Dublin, Leopoldus requested his Master to go with him to his House, which was in a Town called Waldrink: Where, at his Return, he found his Wife and Children as he had left them, saving that one of his Daughters was married, all which were glad of his coming. And whereas Fortunatus consider'd that Leopoldus had no more Provision that was needful for his Household, he gave him an hundred Crowns, to ordain all Things after the most sumptuous manner, against he should come to make good Cheer with him. Wherefore Leopoldus made Provision of great Plenty of delicate Victuals, and had his Children with their Husbands and Wives, and many other Friends and Neighbours to accompany his Master at the Feast. So there was kept such bountiful Hospitality for that Time, that all the Town fared the better for him.

Fortunatus, after the Feast was ended, called unto him Leopoldus, and said, Thou must now again take Leave of thy Wife and Children, wherefore receive here of me three Purse, in each of them is 500 Crowns, whereof thou shalt give one to thy Wife, another to thy Son, and the third to thy Daughter, for a Farewel, that they may have sufficient whereby to live when thou

thou art gone : Leopoldus greatly thanked him for his liberal Gifts, and therewith made his Wife and Children exceeding glad. Fortunatus understanding that two Days Journey from thence was St. Patrick's Purgatory, he was very desirous to see the same : Whereupon they rode unto the City Vernecks, wherein is an Abbey, and there behind the Altar in the Church is a Door, within the which is a deep dark Hole, the same do Men call St. Patrick's Purgatory : But none may go into it without License of the Abbot : Whereupon Leopoldus obtain'd Leave of him, of whom he was demanded of what Country his Master was ? He answer'd, of the Isle of Cyprus : Whereupon the Abbot invited Fortunatus to Dinner, which pleased him well. So at his coming, he presented the Abbot with a Vessel of the best Wine he could get : The Abbot return'd him many Thanks, for in that Country they seldom use any Wine, except it be in ministring the Sacrament. When the Dinner was finish'd, Fortunatus said unto the Abbot, May it please your Honour to let me understand upon what Occasion this Hole was named St. Patrick's Purgatory ? The Abbot answer'd, saying, Many hundred Years since was this Town and this Abbey a desolate WilderNESS, and not far from it, dwelt an Abbot, called Patrick, who was a very devout Man.

He oftentimes resorting to this Desert, to do some Work of Penance, one Day by chance, found this long and deep Hole, into which he went so far, that he could not return ; with that he fell on his Knees, praying unto God instantly,

stantly, that if it were his Pleasure, he would deliver him out of that dark Dungeon: Whilst he thus devoutly prayed, it seemed to him that he heard yet further off a piteous Cry. In the mean while suddenly he was deliver'd out of the Hole: whereof he joyfully praising the Lord for his Mercy, went again into the Cloister, and became more devout, than he was before. And so in perpetual Memory of his Chance, was this Abbey builded by devout Men. Fortunatus then asked farther, what the Pilgrims reported that came out thence again? The Abbot said, I seldom enquire of them; but some say, they have heard a pitiful Shrieking: Others report, they have neither seen nor heard any thing at all, but that they have been sore afraid. Then said Fortunatus, I am come from far Countries to this Place, and if I should return home without some certain Trial of such a Monument in my own Person, it would be a Reproach to me: Therefore will I not go hence till I have been in the Hole. Then said the Abbot, If you will needs adventure, beware you go not in too far, for there be many By-ways, wherein you may go astray, as many others have done in my Time, which have not been found till three Days after. Fortunatus asked of Leopoldus, whether he would adventure with him? He said, Yea; I will go into any Place with you so long as God spares me my Life. That Fortunatus liked well; whereupon they receiving the holy Sacrament, on the Morrow the Priest let them in, blessed them, and shut the Door after them.

There they wandering in the Dark, at the length

length wist not to go backward or forward, for they soon went astray; neither could they hear the Calling of the Priest in the Morning, whereon they trusted, and they the bolder adventur'd; thus they not knowing how to help themselves, and being hungry and faint, they wholly despair'd of all Succour, and dreading their Lives, they sat down as Men forlorn, neither hearing nor seeing any thing at all, and therewith made their humble Prayers to God, saying, Almighty Lord, assist us with thy Power, by some Means or other, for in this loathsome Den, neither Silver nor Gold can ought avail, though we have it at Will, but in thee only is our Trust. The Priest in the mean while signified unto the Abbot, that the Pilgrims were not as yet come out again, whereof he was very sorry; especially because of Fortunatus, who had presented him so liberally. The Servants also at the Door, watched continually; and greatly lamented for their Masters: But the Abbot notwithstanding remembered himself of an old Man, who many Years before had measured the Hole with a Cord, for him he sent, and requested him to try whether he could bring forth the Men, the Servants also promised him an Hundred Crowns for his Pains, the old Man said, If they be yet alive, I shall surely bring them forth, and therewith preparing a musical Instrument, he played on it, and so passed from one Hole to the other, until he had found them, being very feeble and faint; whom he order'd to take hold of him, and so follow the Sound of his Instrument, as the Blind followeth his Guide, so by the Help of God, and the old Man's

Man's Assistance, came they again to the Light, whereof the Abbot was very glad; for he feared if those two Pilgrims had been lost, that no more would have resorted thither, whereby he and his Convent should fare the worse. The Men also told Fortunatus that they had promis'd an Hundred Crowns to the old Man for searching them out, which he forthwith deliver'd with many Thanks: He order'd also a sumptuous Dinner, whereto he invited the Abbot and his Brethren, thanking God for his Deliverance out of so great a Danger. He also gave unto them for a Farewell, five Hundred Crowns, to the Intent they should pray for his prosperous Success. Then took they their Leave of the Abbot, and setting forward to accomplish their purposed Journey, travelled back the near Way to Calais, and from thence to St. Joss in Picardy, and so by Paris through France, Spain, Naples, and Rome, unto Venice.



C H A P. XVII.

How Fortunatus went to Constantinople, to the Coronation of the young Emperor.

W H E N they were come to Venice, they heard say that the Emperor of Constantinople would have his Son crowned Emperor, and because he was himself very old, he would yield up unto him the whole Authority and Jurisdiction of the Empire, for the Term of both their Lives; whereupon the Venetians appointed a worshipful Ambassador to go to the young Emperor in a Galley, and to deliver unto him certain Jewels sent in Token of Gratulation from them. Fortunatus therefore bargained with the Master of the Galley, so that he and his Men passed therein to Constantinople; which is a great and famous City. There were assembled such a Number of People of divers Nations, that there was hardly any Lodging to be had; and although the Venetians had a House assigned for their Use, yet would they admit no Stranger under them, so that Fortunatus and his Men seeking long for a Lodging, at last they chanced on one (such as it was) whereof the Host was a Thief. There continued they a great while, going every Day forth to see the Triumphs and Royalties of the Emperor's Court.

Fortunatus always when he went Abroad, caused his Chamber-Door to be fast locked, supposing then all Things to be safe. But the Host had a privy Entrance into the Chamber, where the greatest Bedstead was, through the Cieling, where he had taken a Board out, and put it in again, that

that none might perceive it, and there entered he in and out when he listed; and when they were all Abroad, he would search the Bales and Budgets, but could find no Money. Wherefore he thought it likely that they carried their Money with them sewed in their Doublets; for when they reckoned with him for their Charges, he marked diligently from whence they took the Money, and perceived that Fortunatus took it from under the Table, gave it to Leopoldus, who payed the Host, abating nothing; for so he was ordered always to do. But the Host was not therewith content; but would gladly also have had both the Money and the Purse. About this Time was the Day at hand wherein he had vowed in Memorial of Lady Fortune's Gift, to bestow Four Hundred Pieces of Gold toward the Marriage of some poor Maiden: Wherefore he asked of the Host, whether he knew any poor honest Man that had a Daughter marriageable, and was not able to bestow her for want of Ability; such a one, said he, bring unto me, and I will bestow largely on her to prefer her on Marriage. The Host said, Of such you may have Plenty, and To morrow I will bring you an honest Man, who shall bring with him a modest and comely Maiden; this Fortunatus liked very well. But then thought the Host with himself, This Night will I rob him of his Money before he bestow it. So the same Night did he convey himself into their Chamber through the Cieling, when they were all asleep, and searched their Cloaths, supposing to have found great Sums of Money in their Doublets, but therein he was sadly deceived;

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howbeit out of Leopoldus's Purse he took Forty Ducats, and handled Fortunatus's Purse on the Out-side also; but when he felt no Money therein, he cast it under the Bedstead, which when he had done, he went forth, and set open the Doors and Windows, as though some strange Thieves had been there.

When Leopoldus awaked, and saw the Windows, and Door open, he rebuked the Men for their Negligence, but the Servants being fast asleep, started up suddenly half amazed, saying that they also were ignorant thereof. With that Leopoldus was greatly afraid, and looked for his Purse, which he perceived to be cut off, and a Piece of the String hanging yet at his Girdle. Then calling to Fortunatus, said, Our Chamber is burst open, and the Money which you delivered me is stolen. Fortunatus forthwith looked to his Doublet, and perceiving his Fortunate Purse to be cut away also, he was therewith so astonished, that he sunk down in a Swoon, as though he was dead. Leopoldus and the other Servants not knowing of this great Loss, rubbed and refreshed him, so that his Spirits were revived again. As they were thus affrighted and in great Perplexity, in came the Host, and set a grim Countenance on the Matter, asking them angrily, What ailed them to be so unquiet? They told him that they were robbed of their Money; then said he, What careless Men are ye, have you not a close Chamber with Lock and Key, why then did you not make all Things fast and sure? They answered, When we went to Bed, we shut both the Windows and locked the Door, but

but now we find them all open. Then said the Host, Look that ye have not one robbed another; and there be also at this present many Strangers and lusty Fellows in the City, who perhaps had more Skill to break into your Chamber than we know of. Howbeit when he saw them in such sorrowful Plight, he asked Fortunatus, whether he had lost any great Sum of Money? He said; Not much. Then said the Host, Why then do you so take on and disquiet yourself for a little Money? Yesterday you would have bestowed a poor Man's Daughter in Marriage; spare now the Money, and bestow it on yourself. Then said Fortunatus, I care more for the Purse than the Money, for there is in it a Bill of Exchange of great Importance, which can profit none but myself. When the Host saw that Fortunatus was so sad and heavy for his Purse (tho' he was a desperate and hard-hearted Fellow) yet was he moved with some Compassion, saying, Let us yet search narrowly about the Chamber, by chance we may find it, for no Thief regardeth an empty Purse. With that every Man began to search, and one of them creeping under the Bedstead, found the Purse and shewed it Fortunatus, who presently knew the same; but yet feared greatly lest that by the cutting it had lost its Virtue, which he sore longed to know, but durst not as yet make Trial in his Sight; for he misdoubted the worst, that if any had known the Quality of the Purse, they would have murder'd him for it. So then he lay down in his Bed again, and privily under the Covering put his Hand into the Purse, and found that it retained still the Virtue

it had before: whereof he was exceeding glad.
 Howbeit he was so sore affrighted with Fear, and
 vexed with Anger and Sorrow before, that he
 could not soon recover his former Strength and
 Colour, but remaining so in his Bed all that Day,
 Leopoldus came to comfort him, saying, Good
 Sir, pluck up your lively Spirits and be content,
 we have left fair Horses, Chains and Rings of
 Gold, and other Jewels; and although we have
 no Money, we will sell all these Things, and by
 God's Help bring you safe Home again; for I
 have full often passed many Countries without
 Money: For Leopoldus thought in his Mind
 that Fortunatus had Riches sufficient at Home,
 if he might attain thither. But Fortunatus an-
 swered faintly, and said, He that loseth Goods,
 loseth Understanding; Wisdom is to be chosen
 before Riches; also Health, Strength, Beauty,
 and long Life, can no Man steal; and therewith
 held his Peace. Leopoldus knew not what he
 meant by those affectionate Words, neither knew
 he which he had chosen of all these Gifts. And
 supposing that such sudden Passions proceeded of
 the Lightness and Disturbance of his Head, was
 no farther inquisitive to know the Meaning.
 Howbeit, after a while, Fortunatus being with
 warm Meat refreshed, his Colour was restored,
 and he began to be merry again, commanding
 his Servants to provide Candles to keep a Light
 in the Chamber all the Night long, and that they
 should have their naked Swords ready drawn by
 them, to prevent the like Attempt of Thieves.
 In the Morning went Fortunatus with his Men
 into the Church of Sophia, and there gave to the
 Priests

Priests ten Pieces of Gold, that they should in our Lady's Chapel, which was fair and sumptuous cause a Sermon to be made, and Te Deum to be sung to the Praise of God. From thence went he to the Place where Merchants and Exchangers resorted, and ordered all his Men to go Home to tend the Horses, and prepare their Dinner; and he delivered to Leopoldus certain Money, to buy five Purfes, saying, I will go to my Exchange to take up some Money, of which we may not in any case be long destitute. When Leopoldus had bought the Purfes, Fortunatus put in one of them an Hundred Ducats, which he delivered to Leopoldus to be disbursed upon ordinary Expences. He gave also unto each of his three Men a Purse with Ten Ducats therein, and said, Be Merry and Wise, take good heed that no such Danger befall unto us, as hath of late happened. They all thanked him, and promised their diligent and careful Service to their uttermost Power. He moreover put Four Hundred Ducats into the Fifth Purse, sending for the Host, to whom he said, Do I pray, as I requested, concerning some poor Man's Daughter, on whom I purpose to bestow liberally towards her Marriage. The Host said, I will bring unto you a Man with his Daughter, that you may see them. With that he went to the poor Man, and told him he had a rich Guest, Take (said he) your Daughter with you, and go with me, and thou shalt see how well the Matter will fall out for your Advantage as I trust.

C H A P. XVIII.

How Fortunatus bestowed Four Hundred Ducats on the Marriage of a poor Maiden.

TH E Maiden's Father was a Joyner, an honest and homely Fellow, who said to the Host, I would be loth to bring my Daughter any where Abroad, I wot not to whom, lest she should be abused and lose her Virginity, which is the chiefest Jewel that she hath to make her fit for a Husband. Therefore tell the Gentleman, if he mean to do her any good, that if it please him, he may come thither to see her. Hereat was the Host displeased, and declaring his uncourteous Answer, supposed that Fortunatus would be therewith offended also. But he took it in good Part, and was well content, and taking Leopoldus with him, ordered the Host to bring him to the Man's House, to whom he said, My Host here hath given me to understand that thou hast a fair Daughter, which is at Woman's Estate, let her come unto me with her Mother. He asked for what Intent: Perhaps said Fortunatus, more forthy Advantage than thou knowest of. With that the poor Man called for his Wife and Daughter, who were ashamed of their homely Apparel, especially the bashful Maiden, who hover'd behind her Mother's Back; Howbeit she was both fair and well favoured; to whom Fortunatus said, Stand forth, fair Virgin, before me, and be not ashamed. Then asked he her Father of her Age, who said She is full Twenty Years old.

old. Then said he, Why have you kept her so long unmarried? To which the Mother made quick Speed to answer before her Husband, saying, She was tall and old enough Years ago, but we wanted Ability to marry her. Then said Fortunatus, If I would bestow on her a Portion, could you forthwith find out a Husband fit for her? Then said the Mother, Our Neighbour hath a Son who beareth unto her Goodwill, who I know only for Want of Wealth would take her to be his Wife. Then asked he the Maiden How she liked her Neighbour's Son? She answered, I will in no Case make my own Choice, though I should die without a Husband; but whom my Father and Mother will appoint unto me, the same will I have. With that the Mother could not stay from speaking, and said, I know she saith not as she thinketh, and am certain she loveth him, and would fain have him before any other. Fortunatus then sending for the young Man, whom at the first Sight he liked very well, poured out of a Purse Four Hundred Ducats upon the Table before them; and said to the young Man, who was but Thirty Years old, Wilt thou be content to wed this Maid? And to the Maid he said, Art thou willing to have this Man for a Husband, and I am disposed to give you freely this little Money for a Dowry. Then answered the young Man, saying, If you be in good Earnest, and indeed will perform your Promise, for my Part we shall be soon agreed. The Mother without further pausing gave her Consent, and said, Then doth my Daughter likewise agree thereto: Whereupon Fortunatus

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forthwith sent for a Priest, and caused them to be married in Presence of their Parents, and after it was finished, he gave unto them the Money which he had brought only for that Purpose. He gave also to the Father ten Ducats to cloath him and his Wife, and ten Ducats more to keep the Marriage-Feast; whereof they were all glad, thanking greatly Fortunatus, and praised God for their good Fortune, saying among them, God hath surely sent this Man from Heaven to help the Poor.

After this they went again to their Inn, but Leopoldus marvelled that his Master was so liberal to give Money so lightly, whereas before he was so sad for a little Money that he had lost. The Host likewise was grieved that he could not find the Purse with the Four Hundred Ducats, when as he searched so narrowly; and therefore thought thus with himself, Since he hath so much to give away, I must needs empty his Purse once again: He therefore knowing that they had a Taper of Wax burning all Night, when they were all gone forth to the Court, brake privily into the Chamber, made Holes in the Taper, poured in Water, and stopped them close that it could not be perceiv'd; so that when it had burnt two or three Hours, it should quench and go out of itself. So much about as the Emperor's Feast was nigh ended, when as he knew Fortunatus would depart, he determined the same Night to rob his Guest again. Wherefore he provided for them against they came from the Court, the best Wine that he could get, and gave it them of his own free Cost to drink, to

the Intent they should sleep the founder. So when they had made good Chear, and were laid down to Rest, the Taper burning, and their naked Swords lying by them, they fell into a sound Sleep without Care.

C H A P. XIX.

How Leopoldus slew the unfaithful Host at Constantinople.

BUT the Host lay waiting for his Prey, and when he perceived the Light to be quenched, he crept thro' the Hole which he had made before, coming first to Leopoldus, under whose Head when he began to grope, Leopoldus therewith suddenly awaked, and with his Sword that lay ready by him, striking about him in the Dark, so wounded the Thief in the Neck, that he fell dead to the Ground. Then called Leopoldus angrily to the Men, and said, Why have you put out the Light? They answer'd, that none of them had done it. Then bid he one of them to go quickly and fetch a Light, and the rest to stand with their Swords about the Door; For, said he, let none go out, here is a Thief in the Chamber. When the Light came, they found the Host deadly wounded, lying by Leopoldus's Bed-side. When Fortunatus saw that, he was more afraid then ever he was in his Life, and said, Alas, that ever we came to Constantinople! it is not much to lose our Goods, but now shall we be hereft of our Lives also: And therewith said to Leopoldus, What a heinous Fact hast thou committed in slaying our Host, if thou hadst
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but wounded him, by God's Help, and Money, we might have escaped. Leopoldus answered, It was dark, I knew not where, nor whom I smote; but my Intent was to strike a Thief that groped under my Head, who likely hath robbed us before: therefore if the Truth was known why he was slain, we should be in Danger neither of Life nor Goods. Then said Fortunatus, It will in no Case be believed, if we make our Host a Thief; for his Friends will not suffer us to escape, neither will Money nor Reason help in this Behalf. Fortunatus also in this Distress thought thus, If I had a Friend whom I durst trust, to shew him the Secrets of my Purse (tho' we were imprisoned) and declare the Truth of the Matter, perhaps the Judge would be intreated, for a great Sum of Money offered by that Friend, to spare us our Lives, and deliver us: Contrarywise he thought again, If I hazard my Purse upon Man's Credit, it will be so acceptable to him, that rather than restore it again, instead of Friendship, he will exaggerate the Crime, saying unto the Judge, That it were a great Shame and Reproach, that Guests murdering their Host should escape unpunished. Wherefore he concluded by his own Reason, that it was not good to trust any Man with his Purse, or with a great Sum of Money, lest it should the sooner work their Destruction; so that he was in great Perplexity. When Leopoldus saw his Matter and his Fellow-Servants so dismayed, he said unto them, Why stand you thus trembling and amazed, no Sorrow can help when a Mischief is once done, neither can we revive him

again; let us therefore speedily devise, and consult together with a bold Courage, how we may escape this present Danger. Then said Fortunatus, I cannot devise what is to be done (repenting inwardly again, that he had not chose Wisdom instead of Riches) but if thou, Leopoldus, canst give us any good Counsel, perform it with Speed. Leopoldus said, Then follow me, and do as I bid you, and with God's Help I will bring us all hence without any Danger. This Speech of Leopoldus some what revived their Spirits,



CHAP. XX.

How Fortunatus and his Men conveyed themselves safe out of Constantinople.

L Leopoldus willing them to be silent, and to hide the Light, took the Corps on his Back, and cast it into a deep Well by the Stable, with the Head downward. It was then about Midnight,



so that no body saw or heard him. Then returned he to the Chamber, and said, I have rid us of this Thief, so that for a while none can know what is become of him. I suppose also that he made no one privy to his Attempt; so that it is far unlike to be descry'd that we have done ought to him; therefore be merry again, and pluck up your Hearts. He said moreover to his Servants, Go speedily and prepare your Horses, with
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Whistling, Singing and pleasant Communication, and in any case look that none of you shew a sorrowful Countenance, and we will do the like; then as soon as the Day doth break, we will ride away, so that we shall be six Miles hence at the least before the Host shall be missed. With this Fortunatus was comforted, and framed himself a pleasant Gesture. When the Horses were ready, they called for Malmsey, and made all merry, with lusty and frolick Demeanour; and at their Departure gave unto every Servant a Ducat. Leopoldus said, I trust we shall return within a Month, and make merry here again. Then Fortunatus took his Leave, and said to the Servants of the House, Thank our Host for his friendly Entertainment, and tell him that I would have brought a Cup of Malmsey to his Bed-side, but that I thought Rest would do him more good; with that rode they forth of the Door towards Turkey, with all possible Speed, and took their next Bait in a City called Raropia, in the Turkish Empire; in which was an Officer whose Charge was to convoy all the strange and Christian Merchants, and give them a Passport through the Country. Whereupon Leopoldus having former Experience thereof, went presently to the Officer, and told him, there were six Pilgrims that required a safe Conduct to ride with them. He answered, You shall be safely convoy'd, but I will have of each of you four Crowns, and the Guide must have a Crown a Day. Leopoldus, though he thought it overmuch, made not many Words, but gave him the Money, and the Officer deliver'd him a Pass-

Passport in Writing, and sent with him an expert Guide who convoy'd him through all Turkey. Fortunatus by this Time, having abandoned all Dread and Care for his Thievish Host, behaved himself chearfully, and so rode hastily to the Great Turk's Court, and beholding there his exceeding Riches, and the infinite Multitude of Soldiers that he continually maintained in Garisons, marvelled at the Mightiness and Glory of his Empire, and especially to see so many Mamelukes and Enemies to the Christian Religion, which greatly disliked him; and therefore he stay'd not long there, but went from thence to the Great Walachia, wherein was Ruler, Tracola Waidia, and so came to the Kingdom of Bosnia, from Bosnia, orderly through Croatia, Dalmatia, the City of Buda in Hungaria; from Buda to Cracovia in Poland; and so to Copenhagen in Denmark, to Stockholm in Sweden, to Bergen in Norway, to Prague in Bohemia, and so the next Way through the Dukedom of Saxony to Frankenland, and then to Augsburg. There met he certain Merchants, and accompanying them to Venice, payed all their Charges. Fortunatus had registred in a Book the Names, Usages, Religions, and the Courtly Demeanours of all those Countries, Cities, Emperors, Kings and People, by whom he had travelled. But now in the Time he stayed at Venice, he laid wait for the fairest Jewels that could be gotten, not sticking for the Price, were it never so great; whereby the Venetians received of him a great Sum of Money, so that he was highly esteem'd among them. He remembring in what Poverty he had

left his Father and Mother, when he departed from Famagosta, bought much fair Cloth, Velvet, and Silks for their Apparel, and costly Houfnold-Stuff, of every Sort double; and also bought a Ship to convey all those Goods into Cyprus. It was now the sixteenth Year since he departed, and when he came to Famagosta, it was told him that his Father and Mother were both dead, wherefore he was very sorry.

He then hir'd a large House, wherein he bestow'd his Goods, and entertain'd many more Men-servants and Maidens for all Purposes, and from thenceforth maintained most stately and sumptuous Hospitality, that of every Man he was had in great Estimation. Howbeit many mused and marvelled how he had obtained such Wealth; whereas most knew that he departed in extream Poverty.

C H A P. XXI.

How the King of Cyprus made a Marriage between Fortunatus and the Lord Nemian's youngest Daughter.

AND as soon as he might bring it to pass, he purchased again his Father's House, and many more thereto adjoining; all which he caused to be plucked down, and in that place built a goodly large Palace, after the bravest Manner, like those he had seen in other Countries. And by the House also he founded a sumptuous Church, and twelve more Houses for twelve Priests, to continue in divine Service of God, as it were a Chauntry, or Cathedral Minister; for the Revenues

nues whereof he also allotted yearly fourteen Hundred Ducats ; that is, for every Priest one Hundred, and the other two for the Reparation and Ornamentss of the Church. He caused moreover to be made in the Minster Three Tombs, one for his Father, another for his Mother, whose Bones he caused to be digged up, and buried therein, and the third to be reserved for himself and his Heirs. When all Things were finished to his Mind, he purposed to take a Wife, which when the Nobility and Gentry of Cyprus understood, every one which had the fairest Daughters, set them forth to the utmost Shew, by training them up with fine Qualities, nurturing them with good Behaviour, and trimming them in comely and gorgeous Attire: But amongst all others, not far from Famagosta dwelt an Earl, named Nemian, which had three Daughters, who were passing fair, whom the King counselled to bestow one of them on Fortunatus, if he might, and offered himself also to break the Matter, if the Earl was so content. Now the Earl tho' he was not very rich, seemed at first to make little Account of Fortunatus, saying to the King: If he should be a Suitor to any of my Daughters, would your Grace advise me to give my Consent? for we know he hath no Lands, nor yearly Revenues; and whereas perhaps he had great Sums of ready Money, we see how he hath bestowed it in sumptuous Building, whereof cometh no Profit. And albeit he hath sufficient Store yet left, Money is casual, and may soon be consumed and lost, and he come to be in Poverty at the End, as his Father did, who sometime was

exceeding rich and puissant. Then said the King to the Earl, I have been certified by them which have seen it, that he hath as many precious Jewels as would buy an Earldom, and yet will sell none of them. I hear say also, that he hath travell'd through many Nations, whereby it is to be supposed that he would not have built such a gorgeous Palace, and a Chauntry, which he hath so endowed with perpetual Rents, except he well knew how to maintain an Estate agreeable. And therefore if you will do by my Counsel, you shall (now he is disposed to marry) offer unto him one of your Daughters. And if so be you are willing so to do, I myself will do my Diligence in first motioning of the Matter, not doubting to bring it to pass. For Fortunatus I know will do much at my Request; and indeed I had rather he should match in a Noble Kindred, than with one of a meaner Sort; being also unmeet (as to me it seemeth) that one of a base Lineage should possess that fair Palace, and dwell therein. The Earl understanding that Fortunatus was greatly in the King's Favour, said, Forasmuch as I perceive it is your Grace's Pleasure that I should give one of my Daughters to Fortunatus, therein I give your Majesty full Power, both of her and my Goods: Then said the King, Lord Nemian, send your three Daughters to my Wife the Queen, and I will cause them to be gorgeously attired, and hope that one of them shall please him; howbeit I will give him the Choice to take which he best fancieth: I will moreover bestow all the Charge of the Wedding-Feast, and look what he requireth more,

more, that will I perform, for that thou hast frankly committed both Body and Goods unto me: The Earl humbly thanked his Majesty, and so taking his Leave of the King, rode Home, and declared to the Countess his Wife, all the Matter, as it was decreed between the King and him.

The Countess liked of their Agreement well, save only that Fortunatus was not noble enough of Birth, and that she was loth he should have his free Choice; for she loved one of them above the rest, whereof she would in no wise make the Earl privy. Howbeit she agreed to his Will; whereupon she dressed them richly, and appointing a motherly Gentlewoman to be their Guide, with an Equipage suitable to their Grandeur, they were sent to Court; where they, with their Retinue, were honourably received. When the King thought it convenient, he sent a Message to Fortunatus, that he should come to Court. And albeit he was not certified for what Cause he was sent for, yet supposing it was for no ill Intent, he speedily prepared himself, and rode to the King, by whom he was freely entertained.

Then said the King unto him, Fortunatus, thou art my Subject, and I am well persuaded of thee, that thou wilt have Respect unto my Counsel, for that I would be loth to wish you any Evil. I am informed that thou hast built a goodly House, and erected a Church with a Chauntry, and that thou art now minded to marry a Wife; wherefore I fearing lest thou shouldest take one whom I should not well like of, I have bethought me of a Wife for thee, by whom the worthiest

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of thy Lineage shall be advanced. Fortunatus answered, saying, Gracious Lord, it is true, I am disposed to marry, and meant to have espied out a Wife to my Liking; but forasmuch as I now perceive that your Grace will vouchsafe so far to debase your Royal Estate, as to provide so favourably for me, I will seek no farther, but will gladly put my whole Trust and Confidence in your Majesty's Assignment. When he had this Answer of Fortunatus, and was also assured of the Earl's Consent, who had committed to him his three Daughters, he thought a Marriage here was easy to be made, and said to Fortunatus as follows:

I have in my Court three fair Ladies, which be all Sisters by one Father and Mother; the eldest is eighteen Years of Age, named Germana, the second is seventeen Years old, called Marcepiã; the third lacketh four Years of the second, whose Name is Cassandra. I will admit thee of these three to take thy Choise, therefore advise thee, whether thou wilt see them together or one after another. Fortunatus made no long Deliberation, but said, My Sovereign Lord, since your Grace granteth me such free Choice, I require of your Majesty that I may see them all three standing together, and hear each of them speak.

The King granted his Request, and sent Word presently to the Queen, that she should cause her Ladies to be rimm'd in the best Attire, for that he was coming thither, and should bring a Guest with him. When the King thought all Things were ready, he would have taken Fortunatus alone with him, who intreated the King, saying,

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If it please your Grace, suffer this old Servant o mine to go with me. The King granted his Request; so they took Leopoldus with them, and came into the Chamber where the Ladies were.

C H A P. XXII.

How Fortunatus chose the youngest of the three Sisters, named Cassandra, for his Wife.

THE King there sitting down, with Fortunatus standing by him, called the three Virgins before his Presence. They reverently kneeling before him, he willed them to stand up, and said first to the Eldest, Tell me, Germana, hadst thou rather remain with the Queen, or with thy Father and Mother? She answered, My Sovereign Lord, it is not meet for me to answer that Question, and tho' I might chuse, yet would I not follow my own Fancy; but what your Grace, and my Lord and Father do command, the same ought I to obey. Then spake he to the Second, saying Marcepia, tell me truly which thou lovest best, thy Father or thy Mother? She likewise answered, Let your Grace pardon me, for it is not fit to give you my Resolution to this Demand. I love them both well, and with all my Heart; if I loved one better than the other, I would be sorry my Heart should know it, and ashamed my Mouth should confess it, for I have found in them both as much natural Love and Friendship, as a Daughter might look for of her Parents. Then moved the King the youngest to speak, saying Answer me, Cassandra, unfeignedly

feignedly in this Question, If there were here in our Court a noble Company preparing to Dance, your Father and Mother standing by, if one of them say, Stand forth and Dance with them, and the other bid you step aside, and not appear among them, whose Command would you obey? She replied, Let not your Majesty be offended, your Grace knoweth that I am but young, and that Wit cometh not before Age. Your Majesty may also consider the Affections and Desires of Youth, therefore it is not for me to disclose my unknown Determination in this Doubt; for if I obey the one, I must needs displease the other, which I were very loath to do. But yet urged the King further, asking, If either of them must needs be done, whom had you rather please? Then said Cassandra, May it please your Highness to grant unto me a Year and a Day to deliberate of this Question, that I may ask Counsel of wiser than I am, to give you a direct Answer. With that the King ceased asking, and troubled them no more. Then went the King aside into another Cham' r with Fortunatus, and said unto him, Thy Desire was to see these three Ladies, and to hear them speak, which I have shewed thee to the utmost; now therefore determine with thyself which of them thou thinkest meet to be thy Spouse. Fortunatus answered, I like them all so well, (my Liege) that I cannot so suddenly say which I may chuse; wherefore I beseech your Majesty to grant me but a little Space to consult with my old and trusty Servant Leopoldus therein. The King was well content therewith, and so let him depart aside to deliberate of the Matter.

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Then Fortunatus withdrawing himself into a Secret Place, said to Leopoldus, Thou hast seen and heard these Ladies as well as I, and forasmuch as I consider that in Matters consisting of meer Fancy, Reason and right Judgment be often abandoned to wilful Affection, therefore I do first require thy Opinion also in this Case, before I proceed to further Choice, desiring thee to counsel me even as the Case were thine own: Leopoldus being somewhat abashed with this Demand, said, Sir, It is not for you to regard my Judgment in this Point, for many Times one Brother liketh of that which is displeasing unto the other, and most often it chanceth that every singular Man hath a particular Judgment, and that especially in the Choice of a Woman. Therefore your own Affection in this Case should be more acceptable than any Foreign Counsel; for that good liking is the Root of sound Love. Then said Fortunatus, Of all this full well I know, and that I take a Wife for myself, and no other; but yet I would fain that thou shouldest disclose the Secrets of thy Heart unto me, for thy Experience is far greater than mine, to judge the inward Disposition by the outward Marks and Tokens of Physiognomy, which often proveth true.

Leopoldus was very loth to move him any Way, fearing lest if he did not counsel him as his Fancy was before bent, he would therewith be discontented: Howbeit thus much he said, Sir, they all Three like me very well, and as far as I can guess, they be either Sisters or Sisters Children; neither do I mark any Tokens of Unfaith-

faithfulness in them; then asked Fortunatus which of them he thought best? Leopoldus answered, I will not first counsel, neither shall you first chuse, lest it I should mislike that you best fancied, you might be offended: Therefore take we each of us a Piece of Paper, and therein let us write both our Minds asunder, you at one End of the Table, and I at the other, This Device liked Fortunatus, and so both did accordingly.

When as they had read in each others Writing, that Cassandra was of them both fancied more than the rest, Fortunatus was glad that the same liked Leopoldus, which liked him, and Leopoldus also rejoiced, that he had most preferred the Lady whom his Master had chosen. When Fortunatus had thus determined with himself, with the Advice also of Leopoldus, he went again unto the King, and said, My Sovereign Lord and King, forasmuch as your Grace hath assigned unto me a Choice, which (though it were not as indeed it is) I ought to take it in good part, esteeming myself most unworthy thereof: I therefore humbly present unto your Grace my faithful Service in all your Affairs; and will employ my whole Might and Power to recompence your Benevolence. And to satisfy your Majesty concerning my Determination, I will give you to understand that by your Favour and Licence, I have chosen Cassandra the youngest Sister to be my Spouse, if so it like your Majesty to grant me. The King said, Thy Request is granted, and so sent presently for the Queen to bring Cassandra with her. When the

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Queen and Cassandra were come, the King sent
for a Prelate, and caused them to be married in-
stantly, wherewith Cassandra was very well con-
sent, for that she was so suddenly Wedded with-
out the Consent or Presence of her Parents, how-
beit the King would needs have it so. Now



when the Wedding was finished, the Sisters of
the Bride, with many other Ladies and Virgins,
with courteous Salutations wished unto her Good
Luck; but yet the two Sisters wept bitterly.
Fortunatus demanding the Cause of their Mourn-
ing, comforted them, saying, Be of good Chear,
lament not at your Sister's good Fortune, lest you
be suspected of envious Disdain, rather than be
commended for natural Kindness, hope the best,
and I will, e'er long, somewhat ease you of your
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Sorrow. With that he sent forthwith to Fama-
 magosta for the Jewels that he bought at Venice
 and gave two of the best to the King and Queen
 and to the Bride, and her two Sisters, each of
 them one, which were also very sumptuous, and
 to every one of the Queen's Waiting-Ladies he
 gave a precious Jewel also, for which they all
 greatly thanked him, and marvelled at his
 bountiful Liberality. The King then sent for
 the Earl of Nemian, and the Countess his Wife.
 Fortunatus hearing thereof, sent Leopoldus with
 Messengers, and deliver'd to him 1000 Ducats
 to give unto the Countess, with this Compliment,
 That her Daughter's Husband had sent her that
 Present, that she might come with Cheerfulness
 to the Wedding-Feast of Cassandra. The Countess
 at first was displeased that Fortunatus had
 chosen the Youngest, whom she loved most:
 But when Leopoldus had delivered his Message,
 and gave her the Money, she was well pacified;
 so that she and the Earl dressed themselves
 gorgeously, and went to Court, where they
 were received very graciously. Their Lodging
 also was prepared exceeding sumptuously, and
 of all kind of delicate Fare they had great
 Plenty: Insomuch that the Earl said to his
 Lady, So often as we have repaired to this
 Court, such Honour was never done us before;
 wherefore since our King is become so gracious
 to us, and hath ordained such a puissant
 Husband for our Daughter, we are bound to
 render Thanks to Heaven. And when they
 were all together, the King said unto
 Fortunatus, Now remaineth only the
 Wedding-Feast to be ordained, which I

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mean to have kept in my own Palace. Then said Fortuatus, May it please your Grace to grant me so much, as that I may solemnize the same at Famagosta, at my new House, wherein was never yet any Triumphant Pastime. The King said, Not so; lest the Lord Nemian should be overmuch charged. Fortunatus then replied again, saying, No Cost, be it ever so great, shall neither grudge nor grieve me; therefore I beseech you Majesty to honour my Feast with your own Person, and the Queen's, and all the noble Retinue of your Court; and though, perhaps, my Entertainment may not be worthy, in all Respects, of such Princely and Noble Personages, yet nothing necessary shall be wanting, that Money can procure.

C H A P. XXIII.

How the King and Queen of Cyprus accompanied the fair Cassandra to Fortunatus' House, where they were bountifully feasted.

WHEN the King heard Fortunatus make such a bountiful and magnificent Proffer, he thought to himself, I would gladly see his Behaviour: And said unto him, Be it as thou hast requested; and ride Home before to make Preparation, and I will come with the Queen, thy Father and Mother-in-Law, thy Spouse, and all our Retinue. Fortunatus was glad thereof, thanked the King, and said, Your Grace need not be long absent, for in three Days I shall be ready for your coming. So he rode forthwith to Famagosta, and there provided a
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magnificent Entertainment. After the fourth Day, the King came to Fortunatus's House with no small Number of Nobles; where, at their first Entrance, they were triumphantly received with sundry kinds of Melody, and musical Harmony, with many pleasant Shews to delight their Senses; the House was nobly built,



and so richly furnished, that it was most glorious to behold. Thus continued they the whole Day, and most Part of the Night, with Feasting, Banquetting, and Dancing, after the most sumptuous Manner that might be devised, until Fortunatus and fair Cassandra were brought to their Chamber; and in like Manner continu-

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and for fourteen Days after. But notwithstanding,
 the Countess, the Bride's Mother, had
 seen his Royalty, and all Things so sumptuously
 accomplished, yet was she not fully satisfied, be-
 cause Fortunatus had no Land, nor yearly Re-
 venues, and so signified unto her Husband the
 Earl; who said, Trouble not yourself therewith,
 for there is no doubt but that he will sufficiently
 provide for your Daughter. On the next Day,
 when the King, the Earl, and the Countess,
 had requested him to assign some certain Dowry
 unto Cassandra, what Casualty soever might
 befall; then said Fortunatus, I have neither
 Land, Lordship, nor yearly Revenue; but I
 will give to her 5000 Ducats in ready Money,
 wherewith I will put you (my Lord and Father)
 in Trust, to purchase for her some Manor-house,
 with Lands, where you and she shall think most
 convenient. Then said the King, I know well
 how to do in this Matter. Here is the Earl of
 Legorn, who is forced of Necessity to sell a
 Parcel of his Estate for ready Money. He hath
 a Castle and a Town three Miles hence, called,
 Larganenbo at the Rainbow; the same you may
 buy of him, with the Title that he hath both of
 the Land and People. So they sent presently for
 the Earl, who was contented to bargain with
 them for 7000 Ducats. Fortunatus therefore
 without delay told out the Money, and the Earl
 of Legorn concluded with him to yield up all
 his Right, Title, Interest, and Jurisdiction that
 he had in, or to the Countyship, Castle, and
 Town of Legorn, unto Cassandra, and never to
 make more Challenge thereto. When this Mat-
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ter was fully accomplished, then was the Countess well pleased.

C H A P. HXIV.

How the King and Queen departed, and Fortunatus made a new Feast for the Citizens.



NOW, lest the Time while the King remained there should seem tedious, Fortunatus ordained three Jewels; the first valued at 600 Ducats, for which the Nobility, and chief Champions in Chivalry should Joust three Days, and he that did best, freely to possess the same. The second worth 400 Ducats, provided for Squires and Gentlemen. The third prized at 200 Ducats, appointed for Servitors and Yeomen; For which, each Degree for three Days Space should orderly contend; and to him that did best, should the Jewels be frankly given. Thus every Man extended his manly Courage to the utmost Tryal. They spent every Day three Hours in Jousting; the rest of the Day; and great Part of the

Night, they passed merrily in Banqueting,
 dancing, Masking and other such like Revels.
 Now when this sumptuous Feast and triumphant
 time had continued the space of fourteen Days,
 the King, with all his Train and Retinue, would
 depart, whom Fortunatus would have had stayed
 longer, especially his Father and Mother-in-Law ;
 but they would in no wise stay any longer, lest
 over much Charges he should run out his Mo-
 ney. When the King would depart, Fortunatus
 with all his Men, brought him on his Way ; and
 when he took his Leave of him, he humbly
 thanked the King and Queen, and the Nobility,
 for that they had vouchsafed to honour his Wed-
 ding-Feast with their Presence ; and then return-
 ed again to Cassandra. After this he prepared
 another Feast, inviting thereto all the Citizens,
 both Men Women, and Children ; which also
 continued eight Days, whereby he won great
 favour and Friendship of all the Inhabitants of
 Magosta. When that Feast was ended, he
 proposed from henceforth to lead a quiet Life
 with fair Cassandra, and spake thus to his old
 servant Leopoldus : Dear Friend, according to
 my Promise when I first entertained you, I will
 now propose the Choice of three Things unto
 thee, wherein shew me thy mind, and I will
 surely perform it accordingly.
 First, if thou be disposed to return into Ireland
 again, then will I give thee four Servants to
 bring thee honourably thither, and will give thee
 so much Money in thy Purse, as shall main-
 tain a competent Living for thee and thine dur-
 ing thy Life. Or, If thou wilt remain here at
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Famagosta, I will provide thee a House; and allow thee yearly as much as shall maintain three Servants and two Maidens to attend on thee, and will not suffer thee to want during thy life. Or, If thou wilt live in the House with me, thou shalt have all Things necessary, and as good as myself. Now chuse of these three Proffers which thou likest best, and I will faithfully perform my Promise in either of them.

Then said Leopoldus: This is much more than I deserve either of God or Man, that such Honour should be proffer'd me in my Old Age wherefore I yield to you the most hearty Thanks that one Man may render to another.

But as concerning this Choice: To ride Home again, for one of my Years, is very fatiguing and perhaps I may die by the Way; yea, though I may come safely Home, Ireland being a hard and uncivil Country, where are no good Wine nor delicate Victuals well prepared, whereto I have been long accustomed, may (probably) shorten my Days. And to remain still in the House with you, for me is more unfit; where you have now a fair young Wife, and many young Gentlemen and Ladies about you, I being old and feeble, shall be loathsome to them; for the Behaviour of old Men is irksome to the young Sort, though I mistrust not your virtuous Disposition. Therefore if you please, I request you to buy me a house in the City, wherein I may end my Life, beseeching you notwithstanding that I may not be secluded from your Counsel, as long as we both live. Fortunatus thereto yielded not attempting any weighty Cause without

Advice, so long as he lived. He also bought him a House according to his desire, gave him Men and Maidens, and allowed him for his Charges an Hundred Ducats a Month. Lepoldus was glad to be at his own Liberty, to eat or drink, to rise or go to Bed when he would, and not be bound to any kind of Service. Nevertheless he went daily to the Church, there to shew himself to Fortunatus, and other his Attendants; where by appeared his Fidelity. When Leopoldus had lived half a Year in his Estate, he was taken with a grievous Sicknes, of which, when no Physicians could remedy, he soon died; whereof Fortunatus was exceeding sorry; causing him to be magnificently interr'd in his own Church.



C H A P. XXV.

*How Fortunatus had by his Wife two Sons,
Ampedo and Andolocia.*

FORTUNATUS and Cassandra his Wife, now lived in joyful and happy Estate, wanting nothing but Children ; for he knew that the Virtue of his Purse would end after his Decease, if he had no lawful Heirs of his Body ; though he made not his Wife privy thereto, but prayed daily together, that God would make them fruitful. Inſomuch that the Lord hearing their Requests, Cassandra conceived with a Son, whom they baptized with the Name of Ampedo. Shortly after ſhe conceived with Child again, and brought forth another Son, which was Chriſtned by the Name of Andolocia. Thus Fortunatus was not a little joyful that he had now two fair and well-proportion'd Children, whom he and his Spouſe trained up carefully, and loved tenderly ; but Andolocia was of ſtouter Courage than Ampedo, as after it appeared. And altho' Fortunatus would gladly have had more Children by Cassandra (eſpecially a Daughter or two) yet from thenceforward ſhe conceived no more by him.



C H A P. XXVI.

*How Fortunatus got Leave of Cassandra to go
unto the Heathen Nations.*

F O R T U N A T U S having now lived joyfully with C A S S A N D R A twelve Years, and thinking with himself that it was unlikely he should have any more Children, it seemed irksome unto him to abide at Famagosta, though he there wanted no pleasant Time of Recreation and Pastime; but purposed to Travel among the Heathen, through both the Greater and the Lesser India, and over all the Kingdoms of Prester John; for which he demanded the Goodwill of Cassandra, and told her, That forasmuch as he had already ranged through one Half of the Earth, he was minded also to see the other Half, though he should lose his Life thereby. When Cassandra heard him so earnestly bent to depart so far from her, she lamentably intreated him to desist from his purposed Voyage; saying If you thus without Cause will adventure your quiet State, it is likely you will greatly repent it. For although heretofore you have passed thro' most Christian Nations, in your youthful, young, and lusty Age, yet now you being long accustomed to a quiet Life, may not so well endure to Travel in your elder Years into the Savage and Heathen Countries, who are most envious, unfaithful, and tyrannous to all Christians. Therefore, Oh! my beloved Fortunatus, Oh! my dear and faithful Spouse, in whom I repose all my Trust, I beseech thee, for God's Sake, and the Love

that thou owest unto me, that having Respect to thy Wife and Children, thou wilt cast out of thy Mind such dangerous and un-neededful Travel, and abide still with us: And if I have displeased you in any Thing, or have done ought that you dislike, let me understand it, and I will endeavour to mune the same. With that she wept bitterly, and shewed herself very sorrowful. Then said Fortunatus, my dearly beloved Bed-fellow, take not the Matter so grievously, I intend to be but a small Time absent, and when I return, from thence forward I will continue with you so long as we both live. Then said Cassandra, If I were sure of your Return, I would patiently abide your Departure: Or if you went elsewhere, than amongst an unfaithful People, that covet the Blood of Christians, it would less grieve me. Then said Fortunatus, I am so fully minded to accomplish this Journey, that none (save God and Death) shall alter my Intent: Howbeit, at my Departure I will leave you ready Money, sufficient to maintain you and your Children during your Lives, though I never come again. When Cassandra perceived that no Intreaty would prevail, she said, Well beloved Husband, since it cannot be otherwise, I beseech you return, and let not the Love and Faithfulness which you have hitherto shewed, be banished out of your Heart; and we will pray unto the Lord, that you may have Health, Peace, and good Weather, and Favour of all them with whom you shall be conversant, and under whose Power you shall fall. Then said Fortunatus, God grant your Prayers may take Effect, and I trust to return the sooner.

CHAP. XXVII.

*How Fortunatus departed from Cyprus again
to visit more strange Countries.*

SOON after, Fortunatus took Leave of his Wife and Children, and desiring God to bless them all, embarked in a Ship of his own, and sailed to Alexandria; where, when they had Licence to come on Land, they were asked, Who was Lord of the Ship? To whom they answered, That Fortunatus of Famagosta in the Isle of Cyprus, was the only Owner thereof; then they required Fortunatus to be brought unto the King's Presence, to present a Gift unto him: For such was the Custom, that every Merchant at his first Arrival at Alexandria, should give some Present unto the Soldan. Wherefore the Courtiers were ready and diligent to bring him unto the Court; where he willed a Cupboard to be prepared, and thereon he set many fair and costly Jewels for the King to behold. When the Soldan came forth and beheld them, he marvelled, supposing they were brought to be sold; and thereupon enquiring the Price of them, Fortunatus asked the Soldan whether he liked them? He answered, I have hardly ever seen finer, therefore I cannot but like them well. Then he requested Fortunatus, that his Grace would accept of them, for that he would freely give them all unto him. When the King heard that, he marvelled that one Merchant should present him with such a rich Gift; for he esteem'd them worth Five Thousand Ducats, which he thought

was a sufficient Present for the Commonalty and Mart of a whole City, such as Venice, Florence, or Genoa. Howbeit he would not refuse them, but accepted it for a Gift; recompensing him with an Hundred Barrels of Pepper, which amounted to the Value of the Jewels. When the Factors of Venice, Florence, Genoa, and Catalonia (who were then at Alexandria) had heard that the King had given unto Fortunatus such a Reward; forasmuch as they abiding there continually, brought Commodities unto the Realm, and gave Gifts once or twice a Year unto the King, and yet none of them at any Time received any Reward, great or small, they envied Fortunatus. Besides that, he bought all the best Merchandize, not sticking at any Price; wherefore they fearing their Hindrance, sought to bring Fortunatus in Displeasure with the Soldan. Whereupon they gave unto the Lord Admiral great Gifts, to the End he might conceive the worse of Fortunatus, and so to discredit him to the King. But Fortunatus having Intelligence thereof, gave unto him privily so much more than they. This fell out well for the Admiral, who took Money of both Parties, and yet did what he thought good, and was nevertheless friendly to Fortunatus, wishing that more such would come unto Alexandria. After Fortunatus had been there certain Days, behaving himself very honourably, the King invited him, and the chief Persons of the Ship to Dinner, giving them very grand Entertainment, which grieved the Merchants greatly. Soon after the Admiral did in like Manner feast them; and

and then did the Merchants plainly perceive that their Gifts were all in vain bestowed, for the which they inwardly fretted. When the Time drew nigh that the Ship must needs depart, for the Custom was, that no Vessel might stay at Alexandria above six Weeks (whether he had sold or no) Fortunatus had appointed another Patron over his Ship in his stead, whom he charged to Sail with his Merchandize to Catalonia, Portugal, Flanders, and England, and to augment his Stock by Exchange of Wares at all those Coasts. He also charged him, that after two Years he should return again with the Ship to Alexandria; for in the mean while he proposed to see many strange Countries, and at the two Years End would there meet him again; but if they found him not there, that they should make no Account that he were alive, then they should return to Famagosta, and there deliver the Ship and the Goods into the Possession of his Wife Cassandra and his Children; which Commandment of his, the Patron faithfully promising to accomplish, took his Leave, and so departed.



C H A P. XXVIII.

How Fortunatus departed to Travel towards the Indies, and many other strange Countries, and at length returned again to Alexandria.

FORTUNATUS forthwith made Request unto the Lord Admiral, that he would procure him of the Soldan, a Passport, a Guide, and Letters of Commendation to those Princes and Monarchs to whom he minded to Travel. The Admiral accomplished his Request in all Respects, whereof he was glad, and immediately furnished himself and all that should accompany him with all Things necessary and expedient at his own Charge, and so made his first Journey through the Land of Persia; from thence he passed through the Dominions of the Great Cham of Cathay, and so through the Desert, and came to the Court of Prestor John, who had under him, both of the Isles and firm Land Seventy-two Kings, every one of the Countries is full of People, fair Cities, and strong Holds; then Fortunatus gave unto Prestor John many costly Jewels and Presents, such as were rare and strange in those Countries. He gave also many Gifts unto the Gentlemen of the Privy-Chamber, and such as were in Authority, requesting them to assist and further him, that he might take up certain Men, and have the King's Letters to address him to Calicuta, where the best Pepper groweth like unto Grapes, and the Men of the Country for extream Heat go all naked. Fortunatus therefore not able for parch-

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ing Heat to Travel any farther that Way, and now remembring his beloved Wife and his two Sons, longed to be at Famagosta, and so returned a contrary Way homeward, through many other strange Countries, until he came to the City of Lamecha, and there bought a Camel, whereon he rode through the Defart of Jerusalem, to see the holy Monuments of our Saviour's Passion. The Time when as he appointed to be again at Alexandria was nigh at hand, within two Months, wherefore he took Shipping to abridge his Journey, and made Haste away, until he arrived again at Alexandria; where he went presently unto the Soldan, thanking him and the Lord Admiral highly for their Letters, by Means whereof he was entertained very honourably, when they understood that he had so manly behaved himself, and had seen so many strange Countries.

When Fortunatus had been now eight Days at Alexandria, having there with him many strange Beasts, and other rare Novelties, he longed greatly for the Ship, that he might set forward to Famagosta. In the mean Time was the Ship arrived, laden with so much, and such rich Merchandize, that she was thrice better in Value than when she departed; whereof Fortunatus was exceeding glad, especially for the Health of his Men, and that they had brought Letters from Cassandra, signifying that she and her Children were in good Health, wanting only his Presence. Wherefore he ordered his Merchants to make a speedy Sale, and to afford their Wares more cheap than they commonly did. And in so

going as they were ordered, whereas other Ships do scarce make their Mart in six Weeks, they dispatched all their Business in twenty Days, when as Fortunatus would presently have taken his Leave and departed. But the Soldan requested him to stay with him that Night before he departed, which he could not refuse, but ordered his Men to go on Board, and to launch out the Ship from the Haven into the Road, appointing presently after Supper to come to them, and to depart: In the mean while went Fortunatus with the Admiral unto the King's Palace, where he was worthily entertained. Then communed the Soldan with him concerning his Affairs and Success in strange Nations, which he uttered at large, thanking him again for his Letters of Address, saying, That by them he was greatly furthered, and the more accepted of strange Princes. By this Time was the Supper ready, and the King sat at the Table, Fortunatus being placed almost over-against him, where they were served with all kind of delicate Fare, as was convenient for such a mighty Prince.



C H A P. XXIX.

How Fortunatus gave great Gifts to the Soldan's Household Servants; and how the Soldan shewed him his Treasure, and his Wishing-Hat, which Fortunatus carried away.

W H E N Supper was ended, Fortunatus desired Leave to bestow his Benevolence on the Household, which the Soldan granting, he opened his Purse privily under the Table; and when he had given to every Man in the House a large Gift, according to their Degree, the Soldan marvelled with himself how he could bear so much Gold about him unperceived, esteeming it a great Honour done unto him, that he had been so liberal to his Servants, saying, Right courteous Gentleman, this your bountiful Behaviour and liberal disbursing towards me and all mine, deserveth no small Commendation and Recompence; come therefore with me, and I will shew you that before you go, which few or none doth know but myself, and the like whereof thou never saw; with that he brought him into a strong Tower paved all with Marble Stone; in the first Room whereof were a great Number of Jewels, and Vessels of Silver, and huge Heaps of Silver Coins; in the second were many Vessels and Household Implements of Gold, and many great Chests full of Golden Coin; within that was a great Wardrobe full of many costly Jewels and gorgeous Garments, beautify'd with precious Stones of all Sorts belonging to the Ornaments of his Body; there were also two Golden Can-
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dlesticks, upon which stood two Orient and great Carbuncles, which shone in the Night all over the Chamber. Fortunatus was rapt with great Admiration to behold this infinite Treasure, praising it greatly: Then said the Soldan, I have yet a Jewel in my Chamber which I esteem more than all those you have seen; then the King carried him to his Bed-Chamber, which was sumptuously adorned, having a Prospect unto the Main Sea, and there opening a Closet, brought forth in his Hand a plain Felt Hat, base and simple to behold, saying, I get more by this Hat, than by all the precious Jewels that I possess; for that if I had no Jewels, Money would get them, but such an Hat is not to be had. Then said Fortunatus, If it so please your Majesty, I would gladly know what Power and Virtue consisteth in this Hat? The King said, It hath this Quality, That whosoever hath it on his Head, where he wisheth then to be, he is with a Thought conveyed thither; so that with the same I have more Pleasure than with all my Jewels; for when my Men go forth to Hunt, and I long to be with them, setting this Hat on my Head, where the best Game is to be seen, I am there suddenly present; and where the Deer resteth I can be with them as I list, to drive them to the Hunter's Hand: In time of Wars also, I can be with my Soldiers when I list, and in my Palace again with a Wish, which all my Jewels cannot do. Then demanded Fortunatus If he that made that Hat be yet alive? The King said, Of that I am uncertain. Then thought Fortunatus in his Mind, How well would this Hat

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agree with the Pursey, and said unto the King, Methinks, since that Hat hath such Virtue, it should seem very heavy on his Head, that weareth it. Then answer'd the King, That it was no heavier than another Hat, and therewith bid him to put it on his Head; asking him, Whether he felt it otherwise? Fortunatus answered, saying, Verily I did not think it had been so light, neither supposed I that your Grace would be so unadvised to set it on my Head. With that he suddenly wished himself in his Ship, ordering them speedily to hoist the Sails, and so having a fresh Gale of Wind, they sailed swiftly away. When the Soldan saw he was thus deceived of an incomparable Jewel, perceiving also at the Window that the Ship was under Sail, he in great Rage commanded his Men to set after Fortunatus, and bring him back Prisoner, threatening him a cruel Death. But before they could be scarcely appointed, the Ship was got out of Sight, so that the Messengers returned again in vain, whereof the King was sorry.

Now when the Factors of Venice, Florence, and Genoa understood that Fortunatus was gone with the King's Jewel, they inwardly rejoiced, saying among themselves, the King and the Admiral are but very well served, for they thought they could not do unto him too much honour, he hath therefore yielded them a fair recompence; but yet are we now sure that he will not return hither again to hinder our Mart as he hath donè. Now the Soldan being thus in a great Agony for his Hat, would gladly have desired how to obtain it again, but knew not how to attempt the Matter.

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To send his Admiral or any of his Heathen Lords among the Christians, he thought it both dangerous and little available: Wherefore thought best to send the Captain of the Christians on his Embassage unto Cyprus, to deal by the Way of Entreaty. Wherefore he called the Captain unto him, who was a Venetian, named Mercholandus, requesting him to accomplish an Embassage faithfully unto Fortunatus, That he would vouchsafe of Courtesy to send him the Hat again, since he shewed it him upon Trust, he would accept it thankfully, and would send his Ship loaden with costly Spices; but if he would not be so intreated, he should make his Complaint to the King of Cyprus, desiring him to force Fortunatus to send the Jewel which he unfaithfully carried from him; the Captain promised truly and diligently to do his Message.

Whereupon the Soldan caused to be ordained for him a fair strong Ship, well manned with Christian Mariners, in all Points sufficiently appointed, promising unto him rich Rewards if he should bring the Hat again. But the Soldan was so dismayed that he could take no Rest, whereat his Servitors were very sorry, who praised Fortunatus highly when he dealt so liberally with them; but when he had thus disquieted their King, they said, He was the naughtiest Man that ever lived.



C H A P. XXX.

*How the Soldan's Ambassador could not obtain
the Hat of Fortunatus.*

Mercholandus being arrived in Cyprus, came to Famagosta, where Fortunatus was come Home ten Days before. But how joyfully he and his Company were received by Cassandra, and his two Children, and of all the City, it were tedious to report; for there were many Citizens also, whose Friends were landed with Fortunatus, that had travelled far with him, which Mirth and Joy Mercholandus well perceived, and when Fortunatus understood that an Embassador was come from the Soldan to Famagosta, he easily thought what was his Errand; howbeit he caused a fair Lodging to be appointed for him, and all other Things requisite, ordering his Provision to be brought in, which he would discharge. When Mercholandus had been now three Days in Famagosta, he sent Word to Fortunatus that he had a Message to deliver to him. Fortunatus ordered him to come unto his Palace, where he delivered his Message, saying, The King Soldan of Babylon, Lord of Alcairo and Alexandria, sendeth his Greeting to thee Fortunatus, by me Mercholandus; requiring that thou wilt vouchsafe to let me be a Messenger, and send to him his Jewel again by me. Fortunatus answered in a scoffing Manner, saying, I marvel that the King Soldan was so uncircumspect to tell me the Virtue of the Hat, and also himself to set the same upon my Head; by occasion whereof I was in such Danger, that it will
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never be out of my Remembrance so long as I live. For my Ship being at Road at Sea, and upon his saying, I wished myself therein; ~~but it had failed in~~ the Way, I had been drowned and so have lost my Life, which I esteem more than all King Soldan's Kingdoms, and therefore am I minded not to part from the Jewel so long as I do live. When Mercholanus heard his Answer, he thought by fair Intreaty to persuade him. Wherefore he said unto him, Fortunatus, be not so hard-hearted, but be advised by Reason and Counsel. What Profit can you make of the Jewel? I will warrant you an hundred Times the Value of that Felt Hat, whereof if I had a Sackful, and each of them had the Virtue that it hath, I would give them all for the third Part of that I shall procure you for the same; wherefore let me speed, I beseech you, of my Message, and I will promise you that the King will lade your Ship with the finest Spices, Pepper, Ginger, Cloves, Nutmegs, and Cinnamon, and such like, the which may be worth an Hundred Thousand Ducats. Besides that, shall it be granted you, not to yield the Hat before you have the said Spices delivered into your Possession. Therefore if it please you on this Condition to agree, I will myself go with your Ship to Alexandria, and bring it Home unto you laden, trusting to you, that when I bring that I have promised, you will likewise yield over unto my gracious Lord the King, his Jewel again.

Fortunatus answered, saying, I would fain be in the King's Friendship, and in yours also, but let no Man persuade himself that he shall get the Hat out of my Hands so long as Life endureth.

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Upon these Words Mercholandus trusted no more to Entreaty, but wrathfully departed to the King of Cyprus, to whom he made his Complaint, requesting his Majesty that he would enforce Fortunatus his Subject to restore again to the Soldan the Jewel which he had most deceitfully gotten, and now wrongfully detained, saying, That if it were not by fair Means restored, great Wars were like thereof to ensue. The King said again to Mercholandus, I have Princes and Lords in the Kingdom, whom though I command, they will do what they list; but if your King have any just Complaint or Quarrel against Fortunatus, let him deal with him as he thinketh good; for I would he should have Justice as he hath deserved. Mercholandus then supposing with himself, that the Heathen in Cyprus should have but slender Justice; returned to Famagosta, there to take Shipping and depart. But Fortunatus, notwithstanding, at his Return had him to Dinner, entertaining him sumptuously. He gave also unto him many goodly Jewels, and freighted his Ship with sufficient Victuals, at his own Charge, saying unto him, Have me commended unto the Soldan, and tell him, That if he had such a Hat of mine in like Manner, I suppose he would not send it me again, neither would his Counsel persuade him so to do; likewise I am advised by my Friends and mine own Reason, not to part with it, so long as I can keep it.

Then Mercholandus thanked Fortunatus for his courteous Entertainment, and his costly Gifts,
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saying, He would so signify unto the King, and departed sorrowful for his cold Suit.

Fortunatus having now passed over most Part of the World, and wanting almost no Earthly Commodity that Man might wish ; he began to render the Advancement of his own and his Childrens Estates ; maintaining a Princely Port, procured Masters and Men of Faculties to instruct his Children, especially in Learning, and Feats of Chivalry, whereto the Youngest was most inclined, behaving himself manfully, for which Cause Fortunatus bestowed many Jewels, for which was much Jousting at Famagosta, wherein the Youngest Son had always the chief Praise : Wereupon, the common People would say, That Andolocia did Honour to the whole Country. Fortunatus therefore rejoyced, and passing his Days in great Solace with the Pastime and Pleasure that he received from the Hat, and also by Hawking, with Andolocia and fair Cassandra. When they had thus many Years enjoyed all earthly Pleasures, fair Cassandra was troubled by a grievous and deadly Sicknes, to yield up her immortal Soul from the transitory and corruptible Body, were it never so dear ; wherefore Fortunatus also conceived such an inward Thought that he languished with a deadly Consumption, and an Impostumation in the Head. When the feeble Estate of his Body put him in Fear of Death, he sent far and near for the best Physicians that might be had ; but they only prolonged his Life for a small Time, they could give him no Comfort of Recovery.

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CHAP. XXXI.

How Fortunatus, on his Death Bed, declared unto his Sons the Virtues of the Purse and the Hat.



FORTUNATUS therefore perceiving no Amendment, but rather that Death approached, sent for his two Sons, Ampedo and Andolocia, saying to them, My dear Children, your Mother that so carefully trained you up, is departed out of this World, and I likewise perceive by the Feebleness of my tormented Body, that Death is nigh at Hand ; therefore I will shew you how you may continue in Honour and Wealth as I have done until my dying Day. With that he declared unto them the Virtue of the Purse, and that it should last no longer than their two Lives ; and also
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told them the Virtue of the Hat, and how much the Soldan would give for it. He commanded moreover that they should not part the Jewels, but use them in common, live friendly together, neither that they should make any Person privy to the Virtue of the Purse, were He or She never so well beloved unto them ; for so said he, have I concealed it these Forty Years, and never uttered it, save now to you only ; with that he ceased speaking, and gave up the Ghost ; whom his Sons caused to be honourably buried in the Minster which he had erected.

Ampedo and Andolocia, having now left off all kind of Martial Exercise, and mourned twelve Months for the Death of their Father, Andolocia having read over his Father's Books, wherein was Registered in how many Nations he had travelled, was therewith greatly delighted, and earnestly moved to do the like. Wherefore he said to Ampedo, My dear Brother, that we may not pass these our lusty and youthful Years together in Vanity, Idleness, and obscure Behaviour, let us travel into strange Countries, to get Experience, and purchase Honour, as our Father hath done, a Memorial whereof he hath left to us in Writing, which I greatly delight to read. Ampedo answered, let him wander that is disposed, for I mean not lest I should come into many a place where I should wish to be at Home again. So that (God willing) I am determined to remain here at Famagosta, and to end my life in this fair Palace. Then said Andolocia, since you are so minded, let us part the Jewels. Ampedo said, wilt thou so transgress our Father's

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commandment, knowest thou not that by his last Will, he charged us that we should not divide them: Andolocia said, what need we care for that; he is dead, therefore we mean to part Company, let us divide them.

Then said Ampedo, take the Hat for thy share, and go whither thou wilt. Andolocia said, take thou it thy self and abide here; thus when they could not agree, for that they both desired the Purse, Andolocia said, good Brother, then I pray you hearken to my Counsel, which shall be indifferent for us both. We will fill two Coffers full of Gold, wherewith thou spending at thy pleasure mayest live merrily, and thou shalt have the Hat also to make thee Pastime, and let me only have the Purse for six Years, wherein I will travel to purchase Experience and Honour; and at my return thou shalt enjoy the Purse six Years also. Thus shall we not break our Father's Will, Ampedo thinking this to be a reasonable Demand, consented thereto.

C H A P. XX.XII

How Andolocia, having the Purse, went well furnished to the French King's Court.

W H E N Andolocia had the Purse, he attired himself gorgeously and entertained forty tall and comely Men whom he apparelled at his own cost, after the bravest manner; and taking leave of his Brother he departed in a Ship of his own, and sailed towards France, till he came to the Haven, called Aquamorte, where he went on Land, and passed to the French King's Court, where

where he was well Entertained, for he maintained his Estate as sumptuously as the best of them : wherefore he was had in great esteem with every Man : attending also daily on the King, as if he had been an ordinary Servant. In the mean time it befel that a Challenge was made by certain Lords and Gentlemen, to Just, Wrestle, and Leap with any one that would contend with him : Andolocia advanced himself to try his Force in all these Games, where he excelled them all. And in the Evening, when the Nobles and Ladies should Dance before the King, he was also called and preferred to Dance with them, wherein likewise he behaved himself so well, and with such a comely Grace that the Gentlewomen had him in great Favour, delighting to pass the time in his Company, whereof he was glad, yielding pleasant Communication. After the Revels was ordained a Banquet, whereto the King also invited Andolocia, and as he sat at the Table, it chanced that he was suddenly in Love with a fair Gentlewoman, whose Husband was most familiar with him of all the others in the Court, wherefore as soon as he was risen from the Table, without delay, he offered her 1000 Crowns, on Condition she would grant to lye with him but one Night. The Gentlewoman, being a faithful Wife, would not consent thereto. But presently detected the offer of Andolocia unto her Husband ; who said unto her, 1000 Crowns would do us a great pleasure, and were soon earned ; howbeit Honesty passeth Riches, and the infamy that thereby to us both might ensue, can with no Money be taken away ; notwithstanding (if it so

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be you think it good) we may so order the matter to have most part of the Money without the distaining of of your own Body, by this policy, you know we have a fair and well proportioned Neighbour, who refuseth not any clean Man's Bed for Money ; to her you may promise 100 Crowns to lie with Andolocia in your stead, and the rest may we reserve unto ourselves : I need no further to instruct you, for a Woman I trust is not to seek in such a shift : The Gentlewoman liked well of this device, and forthwith went unto her Neighbour, saying, a fair lusty and valiant young Gentleman, being a Stranger, offered unto me 200 Crowns if I would lie with him one Night, and as my husband loveth me so dearly, I dare not, lest it cost me my life ; therefore if thou darest adventure in my stead, I will bring to pass that thou shalt lie with him in my Chamber, in my own Bed, and will give thee for thy part, 100 Crowns. To which the Woman replied, I would not stick to lie with such a one for pleasure only ; but if I do this at your request, you will perhaps send me away with a Crown or two, and keep the 100 Crowns yourself. The Gentlewoman said ; thou shalt have that I promised thee before hand. Then was the Wench pleased, and bidding her to prepare all things accordingly, promised to be ready to accomplish her will. The Gentlewoman had declared to her Husband how she had appointed the matter with her Neighbour, whereof he was glad. Andolocia being not yet satisfied, repaired again to the Gentlewoman, and was importunate to obtain his Suit ; to whom the Gentlewoman said ; sir, since you will not be

be otherwise answered, if you will perform your promise concerning the 1000 Crowns, come to morrow Night unto my House, and bring the Money with you, for my Husband will be then abroad about the King's business; Andolocia with this answer was glad, and next Night came alone to the Gentlewoman's House, and brought with him the thousand Crowns.

C H A P. XXXIII.

How Andolocia was deceived by a Gentlewoman, who layed another in Bed with him in her stead.

THE Gentlewoman gave him very friendly entertainment, and receiving the Money of him untold, brought him into her Chamber, bidding him to go to Bed, and she would come to him. Then sent she hastily for her kind Neighbour, to whom she gave one 100 Crowns, and sent her to Bed to Andolocia, where he solaced himself with her, supposing he had lain with his Companion's Wife. But when the Wench perceived that Andolocia was sufficiently delighted, she told him the whole Story.

Andolocia hearing that he was so deceived, was very angry, not so much for the loss of the Money, but rather for shame that it should be blazed abroad to his Reproach, how he was deluded by two Women. Wherefore he rose up, and gave his bedfellow 100 Crowns, bidding her that after his departure, she should challenge 900 more, which the Gentlewoman wrongfully detained, and that she herself had duly earned.

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Which the Wench performed with such impudent and open contention, that the Gentlewoman, for all her pretended honesty being noted for a Bawd, sustained great shame; but Andolocia presently went to his Lodging, and called up his Men, bidding them prepare all things ready, for he would forthwith depart. When he was gone 10 or 12 Miles from Paris, he thought it was well he was not beguiled of his Purse, and began to be merry, and rode unto the King of Arragon's Court; from thence to the King of Castile; then to the King of Portugal; and next to the King of Spain's Court, where he behaved himself so well that he was handsomely entertained.

He daily practised all Feats of Chivalry, and oftentimes gave Jewels, for which Gentlemen should contend in Martial Games, and invited the Ladies and Gentlewomen to many costly Banquets. Moreover when there was any pressing of Soldiers, he would set forth an hundred at his own charges, and cloath them, whereby he was had in great Favour with the King. And as he was valiant and courageous, he would commonly be in the Front of the Battle, and the King dub'd him Knight. Insomuch that there was in the Court an old Earl which had one only Daughter, which was his Heir, to her would the King have married Andolocia, promising him also the Earldom after her Father's Decease. But Andolocia liked not the Earl's Daughter, neither regarded he the Earldom; for he was Rich enough by vertue of his Purse; When Andolocia had served the King of Spain some Years he required leave to depart. The King granted his request

quest, and told him that when his pleasure was to repair to Spain again, he should find him always a Friendly Lord, for his faithful Service. Then bought Andolocia a Ship, wherein he and his Men sailed into England; whereof some that envyed his sumptuous behaviour were glad, and many others were sorry which had received Advantage from him.

When he was come to London, where the King then kept his Court, he hired a House, and bought all necessary Furniture for it. There he kept an open Court; with liberal Hospitality, like as if he had been a Prince, daily Feasting the Nobility and Courtiers, to whom he gave many Gifts, and used to Just, and practice other martial Exercises with them; but in all Feats of Chivalry, both Men and Women gave Andolocia the Praise.

When the King understood of his noble Behaviour, he demanded he would stay at his Court; He answered, he would most willingly bestow his Body and Goods to his Service. In the mean while there were Wars between England and Scotland, so that Andolocia led a band of Men against the Scots, at his own charge, where he behaved himself so Courageously in the Battle, that tho' he was a stranger, yet for his Exploits, he was commended above all others,

When the Victory was obtained over the Scots, Andolocia returned home to London, where he was received of the King and Queen very Honourably, and esteemed highly by every one.



C H A P. XXXIV.

How the King had Andolocia to Dinner, where he fell in Love with Agrippina the King's Daughter.

Then ordained the King a great Dinner, and invited thereto Andolocia, and all the other Captains, where were also present the Queen and her fair Daughter Agrippina, who surpassed in Beauty all the Women in England; whom when Andolocia stedfastly beheld he was greatly in Love with her. When the Feast was done, and he was returned home to his House, he thought how he might win the Favour of Agrippina, wishing he were of Royal Blood, that he might be esteemed worthy to marry her; howbeit he encouraged himself with Hope to purchase her good will. Wherefore he advanced himself in Justing and other martial Exercises before the Queen and her Daughter very often, in more gorgeous manner than he was wont, when with the Ladies he most delighted. And when he thought convenient, he invited the Queen and her Daughter, with many Ladies of the Court to Dinner, which was so sumptuously adorned, that it was wonderful in a Subject's House to behold.

Whereof the King was informed, insomuch that when Andolocia came unto the Court, the King said unto him, I understand by the Queen that she hath been very well and sumptuously entertained at your House, why had not I also warning thereof?

Andolocia said, Most gracious Lord, if your
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Majesty would not disdain to honour my poor house with your presence, how acceptable should it be unto me? Then said the King, I will also come to morrow unto you, and bring ten more of my Counsel with me.

Of this was Andolocia glad, and hasted him home to prepare all things accordingly; the next Day came the King and the Lords to Dinner, where all things were so magnificently accomplished upon so short warning, that the King and them that came with him greatly marvelled. Then thought the King, it were good to abate the Pride of Andolocia, and to make him ashamed, wherefore he appointed the next Day also to take his Recreation with Andolocia again, and forthwith sent command, that no Woodseller should upon pain of his Displeasure, sell or give one stick of Wood, or any kind of Fuel unto Andolocia, or any of his Retinue, during the space of two Days: Howbeit Andolocia was glad of it, and had prepared all the delicatest Victuals that were to be had for Money; but when he could by no means get any Wood nor other Fuel, he was sore afraid lest he should be utterly ashamed, not knowing how the Cooks should dress the Meat; but when he saw no other remedy, he sent speedily to the Merchants Ships; and to all the Grocers in London, to buy a huge Quantity of Canes, Cloves, Nutmegs, Liquorice, Ginger, and Cinnamon, which were used in the Chimneys and Ovens, to burn instead of Wood, to dress the the Meat. About Dinner time, though the King supposed that Andolocia's Kitchen was but simply provided for want of Fire, yet would he and other
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Lords that were with him before, ride unto Andolocja's Lodging, where they smelt such an exceeding strong and sweet Savour, that they mused whereof it should be. Then the King demanded whether Dinner were ready, it was answered that all was prepared, and that with Sweet Spices instead of Fuel; whereat the King and all the Lords marvelled greatly.

When Dinner was done, and the King's Train came to fetch him Home, he gave each of his Guard ten Crowns; and so returned the King with his Lords home again, thanking Andolocja for their sumptuous Entertainment.

When the King came unto the Court he recounted unto the Queen, what a costly Dinner they had, and that all the Meat was dressed with pure Spices instead of Wood, and that he had given each of the Guard ten Crowns. Wherefore said the King I greatly muse, and long to understand from whence or how he hath such exceeding store of Money, for he spareth for no cost, and is every day more sumptuous and costly.

The Queen said, I know none that I suppose could sooner or better understand his secret in that behalf, than our Daughter Agrippina: Then ordered the King that the Queen should do her diligence, and use her discretion with her Daughter, to put this Device in practice. Then went the Queen unto her Daughter, and told her in secret of the sumptuous and rich Port that Andolocja maintained, whereat (said she) the King and I do greatly marvel.

And I would have you when he cometh next in your Company, to try whether you can under-

stand of him, whence he getteth such abundance of goods: Agrippina promised to do her utmost endeavour in that behalf.

C H A P. XXXV.

How Agrippina, with feigned Love, deceived Andolocia of his Purse.

WHen Andolocia came again to the Court, the matter was of Purpose so handled, that he was appointed to have secret communion with Agrippina. So that when they were thus all alone, Agrippina said, Sir, there goeth a report of your Magnificence, and your entertaining the King with costly Banquets, giving largely to his Guard: I pray you tell me, do you not fear lest your Money will at length fail. He answered, saying, Gracious Lady, I cannot want Money as long as I live. Then belike (said she) your Father was very puissant, that he hath left you so rich: Andolocia said unto her: I am as rich as my Father, neither was he richer than I am now, howbeit he was otherwise inclined than I am; for his Delight was to see strange Countries, but my greatest Pleasure is to obtain the Love of fair Women and Ladies. Then said Agrippina, I have been certified, that you have been in many Kings Courts, did you never yet find any there which you liked. Andolocia answered, I have been in six Kings Courts, where I have seen many agreeable Ladies. But without Flattery be it spoken, you pass all ever I yet saw; where-with you have so ravisht my Heart with Love, that my doubtful Passion, engendred between
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hope and despair enforceth me to crave a Salve for my Sore: And although I am descended of no Princely Progeny, yet may Love, which hath only respect of Personal Liking, be requited with Love again on your behalf.

Then said Agrippina, tell me the truth Andolocia, from whence thou hast so much Money, and Riches, and then I'll live in thy Love, and yield to thy request.

Andolocia was now glad, and not remembering that he had not long before vowed to beware of Womens unfaithfullness, said,

My most dearly beloved Agrippina, I will fulfil your desire, on condition you will keep all things secret, and perform your promise. She said, Right well beloved Andolocia, doubt not you of my Fidelity, for what I promise you in Word, shall be surely performed indeed. Upon these Words, Andolocia ordered her to hold up her Lap, and told out a thousand Crowns out of his vertuous Purse, saying, This do I give you; and can without any hindrance afford you as much as you will have more; for so long as I have this Purse, I do want no Money; and now you may believe me that I have uttered the truth of that you longed to know. She answered, I see and acknowledge this to be so manifest, that I need no more to wonder at your sumptuous expences. Wherefore my beloved Andolocia, forasmuch as on this Night the Queen hath appointed to sleep with the King, I will procure with my Chamberlain that you shall lie with me; for without her consent we cannot bring it to pass; therefore you must reward her largely,

that she may consent and be secret. Andolocia thanking her, promised so to do, and not to fail of his coming at Night unto her Chamber. As soon as Andolocia was gone, Agrippina went to the Queen, and shewed her with great Joy, how she had gotten knowledge of Andolocia, whence he had his abundant Wealth, and that she had promised him to lie with him that Night. The Queen thereof was glad, and said to her: If you can well remember the Fashion, the Colour, and the Bigness of the Purse, it were expedient that the like in all points were presently made, which they caused to be done with all speed, and flabbered it also to make it seem old. The Queen also caused her Physicians to make a strong Potion, which should suddenly cast one into a deep sleep. These juggling tools being thus prepared ready in Agrippina's Chamber, to shew unto Andolocia a cast of Legerdemain, they informed the Chamberlain that at Night when Andolocia came, she should receive him courteously into the Chamber, and that when Agrippina and he sat together at their Banquet, she should be circumspect to put the drink into Andolocia's Cup, that was ordained for him. Andolocia coming to the Chamber at the hour appointed, was let in, and friendly entertained by the old Gentlewoman of the Chamber; and soon after came Agrippina, who bad him welcome, sat down by him, and offered him much friendly Communication; whilst they recreated themselves with many delicious Junkets and pleasant Wines. Wherefore Agrippina drank unto him, saying, I drink to thee this Bowl of Hypocras

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more than I commonly do, in token of my Love, requesting you to pledge me as much for my Sake. The Chamberlain filling the Goblet again with the Porion (having the Relish of delicate Hypocrass) gave it unto Andolocia, which he quaffed with a chearful Heart; whereupon he fell into a sound Sleep. Agrippina boldly stepped unto him, opened his Doublet, cut off his Purse, and sewed another instead thereof. Then carried she the Purse unto the Queen, and putting her Hand therein, to try whether it were the right Purse, she pulled out three Handfulls of Gold, which the Queen brought in her Lap to the King, and told him how luckily the matter was conveyed, Andolocia being left in a dead sleep. The King thereat exceedingly rejoyced, and requested to have the Purse to his own Custody, lest Agrippina should come in danger thereby. But she alledging the Danger that she adventured in getting it, if he had suddenly awaked, requested earnestly of her Father, that she might have the keeping of it for her Labour; affirming that both the King and Queen, notwithstanding, might have as great Advantage by it as she herself; wherewith they were content.

When Andolocia was awaked, and saw none by him but the old Chamber-Maid, and perceived that he had slept all Night in the Chair, he mused greatly, and asked what was become of Agrippina? the old Gentlewoman said, the Queen sent for her, and she is risen: But Sir, I marvel much how you could sleep so much out of measure; for I often strived to awake you, but all your Senses were so benumbed, that if I had

not perceived you to breathe, I should have supposed you had been dead, whereby you have lost your Pastime with Agrippina. When Andolocia understood that by drowsy Sleeping he was frustrated of his Purpose, he began to swear. The old Gentlewoman tried to pacify his Anger, saying, Sir, I pray let Reason rule your Passion, and be contented, for what you have now let pass, may hereafter be obtained at a like Opportunity. Andolocia said again ravingly, a Mischief light unto thee thou old Baud, why did you suffer me to sleep so long? For I never sleep so fast, but that being lightly touched, I presently awake: But she still affirmed, and answered with fair Words, so that in the end she brought him out of Agrippina's Chamber. Andolocia then went home to his House very sad, but he knew not as yet that he had lost his peerless and fortunate Purse.

The King being disposed to try how he would behave himself after the Loss of his Purse, and whether he had any more of them, sent Word to Andolocia, that he would dine with him again the next day. Andolocia being certified thereof, called the Steward, and willed him to prepare a costly Dinner; for that the King would be there on the next Morning. The Steward answered, that he had disbursed much Money of late, and had not sufficient Store to serve the Turn. Then Andolocia took the Purse out of his Bosom, and would have delivered him 500. Crowns; but when he groped in his Purse, after his accustomed manner, and brought nothing forth; he turned the inside outward, and felt it thoroughly, but there

there was no Money to be found; then was he in great Perplexity.

Wherefore he called all his Men before him, and said unto them, I have been your Master these ten Years, wherein I have so entertained you, that you wanted nothing; neither am I Debtor to any of you, for you are all paid beforehand. The Time is now come that I can no longer maintain such a stately Port as I have done; therefore I must desire you all to provide for yourselves as well as you may, for I have no more Money left than 150 Crowns, whereof I will spare to each of you ten Shillings, and will freely give to every Man his Horse.

These Words made all the Men astonish'd, looking one on the other, marvelled what sudden Mischance was happened unto their Master. Whereupon one that was of all the rest, most loving and trusty to Andolucia, said, Sir, if any Man have done you Displeasure, or betrayed you, let us understand, and we will be revenged on him, though it were the King himself, and we were sure to lose our Lives. Andolucia answered, that on his Behalf should no Man hazard his Life. Then said they, we are loath to leave you in your Misery, and we had rather sell our Horses, and all that we have, to remain with you. Andolucia said, I thank you for your faithful Goodwill, my beloved Servants, if ever Fortune smile on me again, I will requite your Courtesy; but do now as I have said, and saddle my Horse forthwith; for I will have no Man to go with me. The Servants could not refrain from Tears, to see the sudden Calamity of their Master,

Master, with whom they had lived so pleasantly, and so brought to him his Horse. Andolocia then taking his Leave of them all, departed with an heavy Heart, and travelled until he came to his Brother Ampedo.

C H A P. XXXVI.

How Andolocia returned to Cyprus, and complained to his Brother of the Loss of his Purse.

W H E N Andolocia was now come near unto the fair Palace, Ampedo espied him from the Top of a Tower, whereof he was exceeding glad, hoping to enjoy the Purse again, and that he should be no more careful to spare as he had done these ten Years. Then came he to meet his Brother, who received him joyfully, asking why he came alone, and where his Men were? He answered, I have left them all, and thank God that I am come safe home. Ampedo said, I pray you Brother, shew me what Misfortune hath befallen unto you. Andolocia said, let us first dine, and then you shall understand the Truth of all Matters. After Dinner they went together into a Chamber, where Andolocia said unto Ampedo with an heavy Countenance: Dear Brother, Shame will scarce let my faltering Tongue utter what Mischance is happened on our Behalf; for our fortunate Purse is taken from me, for Sorrow whereof my Heart is ready to break. Ampedo being with this heavy Tidings astonished; said, is it taken from thee by violence, or hast thou lost it by Negligence? He answered,

ed, I have most shamefully transgress'd our Father's Commandment, and disclosed the Secrets of it to a Lover of mine, who beguiled me when I least mistrusted her. Ampedo said, if we had observed our Father's Will, our Jewels had not been seperated, but you would needs adventure to work our own Mischief. Andolocia said, Dear Brother, it doth so sorely grieve me, that I fear it will cost me my Life.



C H A P. XXXVII.

How Andolocia beguiled his Brother of the Hat, and conveyed himself therewith into England, and carried away Agrippina with the Purse.

BUT when Ampedo heard that his Brother took the Matter so heavily, he comforted him, saying, Let not Sorrow come so near thy Heart, we have yet two Chests full of Ducats, and the Wishing-Hat, whereof we will write to the King Souldan, who if need, will give us sufficient to maintain us during our Life, though we had no more; and let the Purse go with all ill Luck and Mischief with it. Then said Andolocia, But Goods and Money are subject to many Casualties. Wherefore I beseech thee, good Brother, grant to lend me your Wishing-Hat, and I trust therewith to get the Purse again. Ampedo said, It is a common Proverb, whose loseth his Goods, loseth his Wits; which appeareth by thee, who, now thou hast deprived us of our greatest Treasure, would'st also bereave us of our chiefest Pleasure; now I will be wiser than to suffer thee to carry away this Hat also, for I think you might be content to make your Pastime with it when you list. When Andolocia perceived that his Brother would not in any case grant that he should carry the Hat from him, he thought by Policy to deceive him of it, and said, Dear Brother, if I have requested that you think inconvenient, I will be contented from henceforth to be ruled by you.

Soon after as his Brother's Men were gone forth to hunt, he requested the Hat to convey himself among them. His Brother not mistrusting any Deceit, delivered it to him. But he having got it, came neither to the Wood, nor the Men, but wish'd himself at Genoa. When Ampedo saw that his Brother had thus deceived him, he took it patiently, and hoped that he would soon return with the Purse. Andolucia being now at Genoa, willed that the fairest Jewels that were to be had should be brought to his Lodging; which when they were shewed him, and agreed on the Price, he put them in a Casket, and raised them with his Hand, as though he would try whether he might easily carry them, and wished himself away without Payment. The like did he at Venice and Florence, and at last with all the Jewels, conveyed himself to London in England; so that the Jewellers, whom he had deceived, thought verily some incarnate Spirit had beguiled them. Then went he unto the Court, apparelled like unto a Merchant, and got License to display his Jewels upon a Table, as Agrippina, with her Train of Ladies, should come from the Chapel, whom he well knew, but they knew not him, for he had disfigured his Beard, and the Colour of his Face.

But when Agrippina was passed by, he gave two Rings unto the two chief Gentlewomen that attended in the Chamber, and requested them that they would so procure that he might come to their Lady's Presence; saying, that he would shew her such Jewels, as her Grace never saw the like. They promised so to do, and presently shewed

shewed the Rings to Agrippina, which they said the Merchant had given them, to the Intent that they should procure that he might come before her, and sell unto her Grace some of the best Jewels, for he had many which were very fair and costly.

Agrippina said, I believe that he hath exceeding rich Jewels, for that he would not stick freely to give such fair Rings, therefore I long to see his Wares.

When he had laid forth the Jewels before Agrippina, she liked them well, and cheapned those that she fancied, whereof some were worth 1000 Crowns, for which she offered not half the Money. The Merchant said, Gracious Lady, I have been informed that you are the richest Princess in the World, which moved me to seek out the most costly and fairest Jewels that are to be found, to bring unto your Noble Grace, for which I have sustained painful Travel, and great Danger; therefore I trust your Grace would not I should be so much a Loser by them, as to sell them for less than they cost me: But if it please your Grace to choose and lay out those that you best like, they shall be yours for as easy Price as I can afford them. Then did Agrippina choose out ten Jewels, whereof the Price amounted to 5000 Crowns; but she would in no wise give so much. Andolocia hoping she would bring the Purse, was contented to agree for 4000 Crowns. So that Agrippina took the Jewels, and went unto her Chamber, where she took the Purse; out of the Coffer, and knitting it carefully to her Girdle, came forth to pay the Merchant, as she

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came near unto him, beginning to tell the Money, he clasped her in his Arms, and wished that he was in some desert Wilderhess with her. With that they were carried through the Air in a small space unto a desert Place, in an Isle that bordereth upon Ireland, and were set there under a Tree, whereon were growing fair Apples. As Agrippina was thus suddenly under the Tree, having the Jewels in her Lap, and the Purse at her Girdle, she said to the Merchant, Lord, for thy Mercy where are we now, or how came we hither? I am exceeding faint and hot, therefore pray reach me some of those Apples to refresh me. He poured the Jewels he had left into her Lap, and put the Hat upon her Head to shadow her from the parching Heat of the Sun, lest it should trouble him in climbing. And as he was on the Top of Tree, looking for the fairest Apples, she sitting heavily under, began to say, Would God I were in my Chamber again. With that she soon was in her Chamber. The King, the Queen, and the Courtiers asked where she had been, and what was become of the Merchant that carried her away? She said, God blefs me from such Merchants, I suppose it was the Devil himself, or some of his Angels; howbeit I left him upon the Top of a Tree: But I pray you trouble me with no more Questions, for I am exceeding faint and weary, and must need rest a while.



C H A P. XXXIV.

How Andolocia, by eating two Apples, had two Horns growing on his Head.

WHEN Andolocia sitting on the Tree, saw that Agrippina was gone with the Hat, and with all the Jewels, he bitterly cursed the Tree, the Fruit and him that planted it; saying moreover, Cursed be the Hour wherein I was born, and the Days and Hours that I have lived. As Andolocia went wandring thus to and fro, the Night came on, that he could go no further; so that he sat him down to rest, but could not sleep for Fear, neither thought otherwise but to die in the Wilderness. Thus lay he all Night as a desperate Man, desirous rather to die than live. When it was day, he rose, and walked every Way, but could not hear nor see any Man; and being very hungry, came at last unto a Tree, whereon grew very fair red Apples, whereof as soon as he had eaten a Couple, there sprang out of his Head two Horns, like as it were of a Goat, which he could by no means get off.



C H A P. XXXIX.

How an Hermit helped Andolocia to be rid of his Horns.

IT chanced that an old Hermit, which had been thirty Years in that Defart; and never had seen any Man, heard his piteous Lamentation, and going to him, said, Alas! poor Man, who brought thee hither, for what seekest thou in this Defart? Andolocia said, Good Brother, God be thanked that hath sent thee hither, somewhat to my Comfort; verily against my Will do I here remain. Then Andolocia being very hungry and faint, asked the Hermit for some Meat; he brought him into his Hermitage, where was neither Meat, Bread, nor Wine, but only Fruits and Water, whereby he lived. Andolocia therefore took a small Refreshment, and then asked if he could shew him by any means how to get his Horns away. The Hermit bid Andolocia follow him, going thro' a little Path from his Hermitage, and there plucked down two Apples from another Tree, and bid Andolocia eat them. Which when he had done, his Horns were vanished away. Andolocia thereof was exceeding glad, and demanded of the Hermit how it came to pass that he had so soon gotten Horns, and was so soon rid of them again. The Hermit said, The Creator of all Things hath given this secret Nature to these two Trees, neither be there their like on Earth, but in this Defart only. Then desired Andolocia that he might carry some of these Apples with him. The Hermit

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willed him to take as many as he list; but (said he) I perceive thy Mind is greatly troubled with transitory Estates, but it were far better to content thee with a competent Life, than to bring thy Soul in Danger, for a small Pleasure. But these Persuasions could not now sink very deep in Andolucia's Heart, who was now wholly bent to recover again his Purse and Hat, and to be revenged on Agrippina. Wherefore he got as many Apples as he might conveniently carry, of both sorts, and requested the Hermit to shew him the Way to some Town. The Hermit brought him to a Way lying towards a Town; wherefore he greatly thanked him, and so departed, and came unto the Town, where with good Meat and Drink he refreshed himself. From thence he went to a Haven-Town not far off; where he found Ships that were setting forth toward London, with whom he departed. As soon as he was come to London, he closed up one of his Eyes, and disfiguring his Face, went to the Court; and when he knew Agrippina should pass, laid abroad his Apples very handsomely upon a fine Cloth, and wrapped them in Sarcenet, whereby they should seem more precious, and called them Apples of Damasco. When many did require the Price of them, he held them at three Crowns every Apple; so that none would buy of them, whereof he was glad, not meaning to sell one of them, but only to Agrippina.

At last, when Agrippina with her Ladies passed by, he asked, if it would please her Grace to buy any precious Apples of Damasco? Agrippina

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pina asked the Price of them. He said, three Crowns. Then asked she, what vertue was in them more than in others, to be so dear? Andolocia answered, that they would cause Beauty, and make sharp Wit in those who should eat of them. Agrippina then willed one of her Gentlewomen to buy two of them. Andolocia then having accomplished his Purpose, put up his Wares, and conveyed himself speedily away.

And as soon as Agrippina came to her Chamber, she eat her two Apples, and presently two great Horns sprang out of her Head, with great Pain; so that she laid her down to Bed. When the Horns were fully grown out, and her Pain gone, she felt, and beheld in a Glass, two great Horns. Then called she two of her Ladies, who were affrighted at that strange Sight; and she was so much astonished, that she could not for a while speak.

Then they privily got a Saw, and sawed them off hard by the Head, which she patiently endured; but they presently sprang up again, whereat she was greatly dismayed, and pitifully lamented. One of her Ladies, a witty Gentlewoman, comforted her saying, Be patient a while (O Gracious Lady) and pluck up a chearful Heart; for no doubt as you have gotten those Horns by some Cause, so by removing of the same Cause, you may have Remedy.

Whereupon the old Chamberlain went with speed to all the best Physicians, and told them, that whereas one of her Kindred had two great Horns grown out of her Head, she would know whether they could by Physick be taken away or not

not. The Physicians hearing of this strange Infirmary, were all desirous to see the Party. But there was none would take upon him to remove the growing of those Horns, for they had never seen, heard, nor read of the like. When the Gentlewoman thought that no Remedy would be had, she was returning Home with a heavy Heart.



C H A P. XL.

How Andolocia counterfeited a Physician, and cured the King's Daughter of her Horns, whereby he recovered again his Wishing-Hat and his Purse.

AS she was coming towards the Court, she met with Andolocia, who being apparell'd like a Physician, said unto her, I perceive that you have been with sundry Physicians in my Sight, I pray you shew me, have you sped of your Purpose? Be not displeased that I am so bold to ask you this Question, for I am a Physician also; and it must be a strange Disease that I will not, with God's Help, cure and take from you. The Gentlewoman supposing that God had sent this Physician, which offered himself so luckily, said There is a marvellous Impediment chanced to a Noble Gentlewoman, out of whose Head are grown two Horns of a Goat, which if you can take away, that they spring no more, you shall be richly rewarded, for she hath Money at Will. The Physician smiling, courteously said, If that be the worst, I have the Science to rid her of her Horns without any Pain or Smart, I know also the Cause whereof they came. She earnestly requested him to declare the Occasion of that strange Disease. He said, She hath been unfaithful where she hath professed Love, and hath inwardly rejoiced at Wickedness done to her Friend, which Joy she durst not openly utter; howbeit, whereas it must needs in some Part of the Body have an Issue, it is least dangerous when

it breaketh out upwards ; for if it should not be expelled, it would so oppress the Heart, that Death would shortly ensue.

When the Chamberlain had now great Hope of his Cunning, she asked where he lodged, saying, That she would presently come again to him ; he said, I am lodged hereby at the Swan, there may you enquire for me, I am called the Doctor with the great Nose, altho' I have another Name, yet am I best known thereby, because I am but a Stranger. Then went she joyful unto the sorrowful Princess, and said, Gracious Lady, pluck up a merry Heart, and be of good Chear, you shall be shortly rid of your Horns ; shewing unto her, how when most of the London Physicians had sent her away comfortless, she met by chance with a strange Doctor, who made light of the Matter, and did warrant me to help your Grief. Moreover he told me the Cause wherof they did spring, which your Grace doth well know, Then said Agrippina, Why had you not brought him with you, seeing you know how earnestly I desire to be cured ? Go, fetch him hither, and desire him to bring all Things necessary for the Purpose. Take also with you to give him an hundred Crowns, and if he demand more, give him as much as he asketh. The Gentlewoman went to the Physician, and gave him an hundred Crowns, saying, I pray you now be diligent, and to the Patient that I shall bring you, must you come only by Night, neither must you disclose the Matter to any Person ; for her own Father and Mother as yet know not of it. The Physician said, Doubt not you of my

my Secretness, but before I go with you, I must buy at the Apothecary's such Things as be requisite: In the mean Time you may stay here, or come again two Hours hence; she said, I will tarry for you, for I dare not go Home without you.

Then went Andolocia to the Apothecary's, and bought a Quantity of Rhubarb, Sugar, and Rose-water, and therein soaked and rolled one of his Apples, being cut in little Pieces: He bought also a Box of sweet Ointment, and many other sweet Odours and Perfumes to delight her Senses withal, and then came again to the Gentlewoman, and she conveyed him by Night to Agrippina. To whom he said, Let your Grace be of good Comfort, and doubt not but by God's Help, and my Science, you shall be soon cured of your Disease; therefore prepare you, that I may see and feel your Grief. Agrippina, though she was greatly ashamed to shew her Horns, sat up in her Bed. The Physician viewed and handled the Horns, saying, You must have upon each Horn, a Piece of rough Ape's Skin, taken warm from the Ape; and with this Confection will I anoint them also. There was an old Ape in the Court, which was presently slain, and the Skin was flayed off, with which was made two Cases, as the Physician had commanded. Then did he anoint the Horns, and her Temples with Ape's Grease, and his sweet Confection, and put on the Cases of the Skin, and said to her, This have I done to soften and mollify the Horns; but they must be drawn away by Purging, for which you shall swallow these small Pills, and rest thereupon,

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whereby you shall perceive a speedy Amendment. Agrippina received the Purgation, which was the Apple to drive away Horns, cut in small Pieces, and mingled with Rhubarb. Andolocia withdrawing himself a little aside, the Rhubarb began to work with his Patient, so that she went twice of thrice to the Stool, After a while came in the Doctor, and said, Let us see if the Physick hath done any good, and therewith he pulled off the Skins, and the Horns were also diminished, whereof she was exceeding glad. Then departed he, and said, He would go unto the Apothecary again, and that the next Night he could finish his Cure. When he had temper'd the other Apple with Sugar and Spice of another Relish, he came the next Night unto her again, and dressed her as he had done before, but gave her not so much of the Apple, because she should not be thoroughly cured, before he had talked with her, and had some Likelihood to bring his Purpose to pass. Wherefore as he sat by her, she being asleep, he thought with himself, Two or Three Thousand Crowns were a sufficient Reward if another had done this Cure, but it is nothing comparable to the Mischief she hath done unto me, wherefore before I clean take away the Horns, I will let her understand my Mind, to the which if she will not consent, when she thinks to be rid of her Horns, I will cause them to grow as long as they were before, and then I will go into Flanders, and from thence send her Word, That if she will have Remedy, she shall come unto me, and bring with her the Wishing-Hat and Purse. As he was thus devising, came in the Gentlewoman with a Candle to see Agrippina, who was asleep.

CHAP. XLI.

How Andolocia by chance found his Wishing-Hat.

IT chanced that Andolocia's Cap fell from his Head. so that when he stooped to take it up again, he espied his Wishing-Hat lying under the Bed on the Ground, which none regarded; for they knew not the Virtue of it; neither knew the Princess. The Physician then sent the Gentlewoman for some Conduit-water, and in the mean while he took it up from under the Bed, and held it privily under his Gown. By this Time was Agrippina awaked, then took he the Skin from her Brow, to see how much the Horns were sunk, which were now become very slender, and scarce an Handful long, whereof Agrippina was very glad; and the Physician in courteous Manner said unto her, Gracious Lady, you see that your Malady is now well diminish'd, the chiefest Care that resteth behind is to drive the Root of the Horns out of the Skull, to the which must be used costly Medicines, which if I cannot find in this Realm, I must either go myself, or send some other Doctor to fetch such Things, whereof I shall inform him, in other Countries. And besides this, I would know what certain Sum of Money you will give me, when you shall be clean rid of your Horns, and that your Forehead be as smooth as ever it was. The Princess answered, I have certainly found that your Science is excellent and true, therefore I beseech you do your best to help me, and spare no Money. The

Physician said, You bid me not to spare, but I have no Money whereof I should be liberal. When he craved her Liberality so plainly, she went to her Coffer, and brought out the Purse hanging at her Girdle, wherein were also her best Jewels; the same she tyed about her Middle, and went to the Window, where she counted out Three Hundred Crowns. When Andolocia perceived she had the Purse and Jewels about her, he groped under his Gown, as though he sought for a Purse to put his Money in, he cast off his Cap, set on his Hat, and clasped Agrippina fast about her Middle, and wished himself in a solitary Desert, which was presently accomplished by the Virtue of the Hat. When Agrippina was suddenly gone, the Gentlewoman of the Chamber ran to the Queen, and told her, the Physician had carried away her Daughter in such Sort as the Merchant had done, and declared what had chanced concerning the Horns. The Queen with this heavy News was astonished; but yet hoped that she would quickly return, as she had done before, the other Time. But when she came not again after one Day and a Night past, she was exceeding sorrowful, and recounted unto the King also, how strangely all Things had chanced, and how the Physician had conveyed her away, and said to the King, Let us send forth Messengers in every Coast to hear of her, lest she come to some Poverty and Distress. The King said, It were in vain to seek her, until God restore her again; and also it were a Shame for us that we have kept her no better. But when Andolocia and Agrippina were alone in the
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Desart, he cast off the Doctor's Gown, and plucked away his counterfeit great Nose ; whereby she perceived it was Andolucia, to whom she could not yet speak for Shame and Fear, for that he looked on her with an angry and grim Countenance, as tho' he would have presently killed her. And first he drew a Knife, and cutting her Girdle asunder, took the Purse and fastened it to his Doublet, where it was before, whereat Agrippina trembled and quaked with great Fear, Then said Andolucia fiercely unto her, O thou faithless Woman, thou art now fallen into my Power, where I will requite the Treason thou didst conspire against me, when thou tookest the Purse from me ; how could thy Heart serve thee (thou perjured Wight) to shew such Unkindness towards me, who committed unto thee both my Secrets of Body and Goods, and so often adventured myself to Joust, and to use other Feats of Chivalry, only for thy Sake. Now be thine own Judge, whether it be Reason that I take as little Pity on thee, as thou hast done on me.

Agrippina distilling many Tears, lamentably said, O virtuous and valiant Knight, I confess that I have intolerably abused you ; yet have some Compassion on me, and consider the Frailties that are natural to Women, and do Good for Evil, as becometh a Christian. Andolucia answered, But the Misery and Shame that I have sustained by thee, went so near my Heart, that I can hardly forget or forgive. Then she said again, Yet Andolucia, for the Love of God advise yourself, what Dishonour it will be for

you to avenge your Wrath on a poor Woman, being alone with you in the Desert. Then said Andolocia, Well, Agrippina, though you deserve no Mercy, yet will I refrain from Tyranny, and do promise thee, by my Knighthood, that I will neither stain thy Honour, nor hurt thy Body. But thou hast one Token on thy Head, which thou shalt carry with thee to thy Grave, that thou may'st the better remember thy Unfaithfulness towards thy Lover. Agrippina being glad that she had escaped Violence, or Death, thanked him, and therewith said, Now would God my Horns were away, and I were again in my Father's Palace. Andolocia hearing her begin to wish, suddenly caught up the Hat, that lay not far from her, and held it fast in his Hand; whereby Agrippina perceived that he greatly esteemed the Hat, and that by Virtue of it she was thrice conveyed, whereat she was inwardly vexed, that she had esteemed and kept the Hat no better: But she earnestly intreated Andolocia that he would clean rid her of her Horns, and convey her again to her Father. But he was fully determined not to grant her Request.



CHAP. XLII.

How Andolocia put fair Agrippina into a House of Religion.

WHEN Agrippina saw that no Entreaty would prevail, she said, Since I must needs continue thus shamefully disfigured, I will not covet to come any more into England, neither to see Father or Mother or any other of my Friends; but convey me, I pray you, into some strange Place, where I am unknown; and if you would place me in some House of Religion, where I might keep me close from all Wordly Affairs and Company, I should be greatly beholden to you.

Then said Andolocia, That I will not stick to do for you.

With that he prepared himself, bound his Hat fast to his Head, took her by the Middle, and conveyed her into Ireland, near unto St. Patrick's Purgatory, where there was a great Nunnery of Noble Women. He leaving her there by in the Fields, went unto the Abbess of the House, and told her that he had brought with him an honest and noble Virgin, which is very fair and beautiful, save that certain Knobs were sprung out of her Head, whereof she was so ashamed, that she could not abide with her Friends, but requested to be in some solitary Place, where she was unknown. Wherefore if it will please you to take her into your Cloister, to be one of your Company, I will pay her Portion thrice double. The Lady Abbess answered, saying, Every Gen-

newoman that is in this Cloister entertained, must pay at her first Entrance Two Hundred Crowns, for they be every one allowed a Waiting-Maid, and do want nothing that is convenient for them; if you will then pay the Duties thrice double, bring her hither whatever she be.

Andolocia went forthwith and brought Agrippina to the Abbess, who bid her heartily welcome. Agrippina thanked her so mannerly, and with such courteous Demeanour, that the Abbess well perceived she was born of noble Lineage, and pitied her greatly, that such a comely Personage should be so disfigured with Horns. Then she declared unto her the Orders of the House. Andolocia took Leave of the Abbess, and said to Agrippina, God bless you, and give you Health to live quietly in this Cloister. She therewith weeping bitterly, said, Ere it be long, deliver me from this Thralldom, for I shall have little Joy to serve God, or do any Thing else, until I be rid of these Horns. These Words Andolocia printed in his Mind, but gave her no Answer but this, When it pleaseth the Lord thou shalt have Remedy; and so departed. The sorrowful Agrippina went in with the Abbess, who appointed to her a Chamber, and a Maid to wait on her, where she lived solitarily, and served God as well as she might. When Andolocia had thus well rid himself of Agrippina, and obtained his Purpose in all Respects, he was a joyful Man, and setting his Hat on his Head, wished himself from one Country to another, until he came to Bruges in Flanders, where he solaced himself with all Manner of Pastime, in the

the Company of fair Women. After that he took Shipping with his Men and Horses, and came joyfully Home to Famagosta to his Brother, who received him gladly, and liked well that he came Home so stately.

When they had dined together, Ampedo walked with his Brother into the Garden, and asked him how he had sped in all his Affairs. Andolucia told him at large what had happened concerning the Purse and the Hat, and all his other Adventures.

Ampedo marvelled at his strange Feats, and greatly rejoiced that he was now safe come Home with the Purse and the Hat, both which Andolucia offer'd to his Brother: Ampedo said, I will not have the Purse at all, it bringeth him that hath it to such Care and Danger, as I have heard of our Father, and now hear the like of thee. Andolucia was thereof very glad, and after he had been a-while at Famagosta, exercising himself in Martial Pastime, he rode with all his Men unto the Court to see the King, by whom he was honourably entertained, and demanded where and how he had spent his Time; of which Andolucia made Report at large. Then said the King, The King of England hath a fair Daughter, named Agrippina, who is the only Heir to the Crown, to whom I purposed to have married my Son, if all Parties should agree; but I heard say lately, that she was suddenly conveyed away, none can tell whither. Can you certify me whether she be yet found again or not? Andolucia said, thereof I can inform your Grace. It is most true, that he hath a Daughter that is very

beautiful, who by some Conveyance of Necromancy was brought into Ireland, and is there remaining in a Religious House of Gentlewomen, with whom not long ago I had long Talk.

The King asked, May it not be brought to pass that her Father may have her again? For I am Old, and would fain establish my Son in Marriage, and the Realm in good Order before I die.

Andolocia said, Gracious Lord, to pleasure your Majesty and your Son, I will cause her in short Space to be brought again into her Father's Palace. The King requir'd him to do it, and to spare no Charges, promising to requite him well for his Travel. Andolocia promised both the King and his Son, to do his best, and so taking his Leave of them, went to Famagosta, there borrowed he the Wishing-Hat of his Brother, and ordering his Steward to let his Men be well used, and to want nothing that was expedient for them in his Absence, saying, that he would very shortly return, went out of Sight, set the Hat on his Head, and wished himself in the Wilderness, where the Apples were that would procure and take away Horns, where he found the Trees laden with Apples: Now knew he not certainly which was the one from the other, howbeit at all Adventures, he tasted of the one Tree, and there presently sprang Horns on his Head; after that he did eat the Apples of the other Tree, and the Horns vanished away. So took he of both Sorts with him, and from thence convey'd himself unto the Abbey in Ireland, where he knocked, and was let in to speak with

with the Lady Abbess, of whom he required Licence to talk secretly with Agrippina; the Abbess knowing him very well, called Agrippina unto him; who when she saw Andolocia, looked on him with a strange Countenance, not knowing the Intent of his coming, and therefore was somewhat afraid. Andolocia taking her a little aside, said unto her, Lady Agrippina, tell me, if you were now rid of your Horns, where you would wish to be; Agrippina said, You may well suppose that I would then long to be with the King my Father, and the Queen my Mother. With that he gave her an Apple, and order'd her to eat it, and rest thereupon a-while, and when she did rise again, her Horns should be clean consumed away: Agrippina did as she was order'd, and when she awoke, she found that all was well.

Then called she her Waiting-Maid, to help to comb her Head, which being done, she came before the Abbess, who marvelled greatly to see such a sudden Change; and calling her Ladies to behold her also, wondering likewise that she was become so beautiful, and so clean rid of the Horns, as there remained no Sign of them. Then said Andolocia, Agrippina is a Princess, I must now take her from you, and carry her to her Father and Mother again, and before a Month be ended she shall be married to a young King. Andolocia gave unto the Abbess and her Company an Hundred Crowns, and thanked them for their gentle Entertainment and Usage of Agrippina. She herself also gave them courteous Thanks; and so taking both their Leaves, they went

went forth into the Field, where Andolocia setting his Hat on his Head, carried her to London by the King's Palace, and forthwith departed to Famagosta.

C H A P. LXIII.

How Agrippina was espoused to the young King of Cyprus.

WHEN Agrippina was come into the Court, there was exceeding Joy; and the King and Queen ordained a solemn Feast, and adorned her in most sumptuous Attire, that all might rejoice with them, for the Return of their fair Daughter, that they supposed to have been lost. As the King, the Queen, and the Nobility were in the midst of their Mirth, there was Tidings brought, that the King of Cyprus had sent a noble Embassage, to treat of a Marriage between Agrippina, and the young Prince of Cyprus. The Embassadors at their coming, were very honourably entertain'd, whereof the one was a Duke, and the other two were Earls, with many other Knights and Gentlemen, who did their Embassage before the King and the Council, and had so far thereof concluded, that they began to confer about the Dowry and the Wedding-Day. When the Queen perceiv'd that they had almost determin'd of the Matter, it grieved her that her Daughter should be carried so far into a strange Country, and to be Married to one of whose Demeanour and Personage she was ignorant. Then required the Embassadors that the Queen might

might come in Presence, to whom they shewed the painted Pourtraicture of the young Prince, affirming with an Oath, That the Person whom that Picture did represent, was rather more amiable then the Image did express, and that he was but Four and Twenty Years of Age. With this they were all pleased, and the Queen took the Picture and brought it to Agrippina, shewing it to her, that they had determined to marry her unto a young King, which was more beautiful than the Picture could shew. Agrippina remembering the Words of Andolocia in the Abbey, gave the more Credit, and granted her Consent, that what her Father and the Queen should do in that Behalf, she would be obedient thereunto.

When it was perceived that Agrippina was willing to consent, they concluded fully of the Marriage. Then were their Ships prepared with Men, Victuals, Artillery, and sumptuous Garments, and precious Jewels were put to making for Agrippina: And she had assign'd to attend on her, many tall Gentlemen and Yeoman, and many fair Ladies and Gentlewomen. Agrippina took her Leave of her Father the King, and her Mother the Queen, kneeling, and saying, Gracious Prince, my Father, and dearly beloved Lady Mother, the Almighty God have you in his Protection, and grant you Health and long Life: And now I must needs depart, give me I pray you, your last Blessing. The King said, my most dearly beloved Daughter, The Blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, defend thee from all Grief and Misfortune, and grant thee to be a Mother of many Children.

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The Queen thereto said, Amen. Then rose up Agrippina, and went on board the Ship with all her Train: And the Mariners hoisting up the Sails, they passed forth with a prosperous Wind until they came all together safe and sound unto Famagosta in Cyprus, where the King had appointed to receive her a Duke, a Dutcheß, four Earls, and many noble Ladies. There was also at her Arrival, a sumptuous Feast in Famagosta for all that came, and every Man rejoiced that they had gotten such a fair and beautiful Queen. From thence was she conveyed by Land unto Medusa, where the King kept his Court; thither were resorted all the Nobility of the Realm; and tho' she was royally received at Famagosta, yet was she ten times better and more gorgeously receiv'd and entertain'd at Medusa, by the King and Queen, and her Ladies, and by the young Prince and his Train; all which he thanked, and rode joyfully to the King's Palace. There was Feasting and Triumphs the Space of six Weeks after the Wedding, with such Solemnity and Sumptuousness as had never been seen in Cyprus before. And among many other rich Gifts that were presented to the young Princess at the Feasts, Andolocia for his Part gave a whole Ship full of Malmsey and Muscadel; so that it was as common a Drink with them during the Feast as Beer or Ale.



C H A P. XLIV.

How Andolocia did best in Jousting, whereby he got the Praise of the Women, but the Envy and Hatred of certain Lords.

AL L the while that the Feast lasted, the Lords and Knights practised daily Jousting, and other martial Exercises. And he which had quitted himself most manfully in the Day, at Night in Time of Dancing and Revels, the young Queen did openly set a Garland on his Head. But Andolocia was crowned with the Garland more than any of them all. At the last it chanced on a Time, Andolocia had by right deserved the Garland, yet for Honour sake it was given unto the Earl Theodorus of England, who came over with the Queen, whereof Andolocia made small Account; but all Men said openly that Andolocia had better deserved it. And when this Rumour came to Theodorus's Ears, it vex'd him greatly, and thereby he conceived inward Malice against Andolocia. Wherefore he formed a Conspiracy with the Earl of Limose (who had his House in an Isle not far from Famagosta) to put Andolocia to Shame and Reproach, or else to destroy him, for Envy that he carried the greatest Honour of Knightly Manhood so far from them, that no Lord, Knight, nor 'Squire, might compare with him. Wherefore they appointed at his Return towards Famagosta, after the Feast, to set upon him, to slay all his Men, and carry him Prisoner to Limose, out of all the King's Land, where the
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Earl had a Castle, and that there they would Rack him, that he should confess where his greatest Treasure lay, and should by some privy Token send for the most Part of it, whereby they should keep a stately Port, and his Pride should be much abated.

C H A P. XLV.

How Andolocia, after the Feast, riding homewards towards Famagosta, was taken Prisoner by the two Earls, and all his Men slain.

SO when Andolocia, after the Triumph, had taken his Leave, and was returning to Famagosta, the two Earls having appointed an Ambush of Men, they took Andolocia Prisoner, slew all his Men, and carried him into the Castle of Limose, where he was so straightly kept that he in no wise could come out. Then promised he unto the Keepers a great Sum of Money if they would let him go free, but they durst not do so, lest that when he were at Liberty he would not keep Promise with them; neither durst he tell them out any great Sum of Money before-hand, lest they should thereby perceive the Virtue of his Purse, and so might lose both the Purse and his Life also. Soon after came Tidjings to the King, That Andolocia's Men were slain, and he himself gone no Man knew whither, neither was it known who had committed that heinous Murder. The two Earls after this wicked Fact, rode again unto the Court, and behaved themselves as if they knew nothing thereof. When

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Ampedo was told what had chanced to his Brother, he requested the King's Assistance to lay privy wait throughout his Dominions for Andolocia. The King answered, That he was as sorry for him, as himself, and that on Condition he could learn whether he was safe and alive, he would spare no Money to look him, tho' it should cost him half his Kingdom.

C H A P. XLVI.

How Ampedo burned the Wishing-Hat.

AMPEDO imagining with himself that his Brother was come into some Distress by Occasion of his Purse, and that by Racking and Torments he might be forced to confess of the Hat also, whereby he might in the like Manner come into the like Danger; in a great Fury he cast the Hat into the Fire, and stood by it till it was burnt to Ashes. And when he could by no Means hear what was become of his Brother, he conceived thereby such an inward Grief, that for Thought he fell sick, and shortly after died. The King had caused Proclamation to be made, That whosoever could bring word whether Andolocia were dead or alive, he should have a Thousand Ducats in ready Money, but no Tidings could be heard of him. Then the Earl of Limosë took his Leave of the King, and departed Home to his Castle, where he found Andolocia in a dark Dungeon. When Andolocia saw him he was glad, beseeching him to be merciful unto him, and to deliver him out of Prison; for (said he) I know not whose Prisoner

I am, neither for what Cause I am thus straightly penn'd up; if I have done Wrong to any Man, I will recompence it either with Body or Goods. The Earl said, Andolocia, thou art not brought hither to be deliver'd again, thou art my Prisoner, and before thou depart, thou shalt tell me how and from whence thou hast so much Money, to maintain such a sumptuous and Princely Port, as thou hast so long Time done; or else I will so torment thee, that thou shalt be glad to shew it. When Andolocia heard those cruel and threatening Words, he was exceedingly afraid, but said on a sudden: My Father when he died shewed me of a Privy which is in our House at Famagosta, wherein I should find more Money than I was able to spend during my Life; and if it please you to carry me as a Prisoner thither, I will shew you the Experience thereof. The Earl would not be persuaded that this was the Truth, but took him out of the Stocks and racked him grievously, which he a while endured, but at the length he was so bitterly tormented that he might no longer refrain, but shewed plainly the Virtue of the Purse. When the Earl heard of that, he took the Purse of him, and by Trial finding his Saying to be true, caused Andolocia to be again set in the Stocks, and committed him to one whom he trusted. The Earl then paid his Debts, stored his Castle with Victuals and Furniture, and rode forthwith to his Companion the Earl Theodorus, who rejoiced at his coming to the Court. And when they had communed together concerning the Purse the Earl had gotten of Andolocia by Racking, there was no small triumphing be-

between them on either Part. But Theodorus liked not that Andolocia was left alive; for (said he) I hear it reported in the Court, that he is a Doctor in Necromancy, and can fly in the Air; therefore it is to be feared that he will by some Means escape, whereby we may both come into Danger of Death. But the Earl said, He lieth so fast and sure in Prison, that I warrant you he cannot come forth. Then went they together, and took out as much Money as they list, and were both alike desirous to have the Purse; but to avoid all Controversy, they agreed that one should have it one half Year, and the other should have it another half; and that who so had the Purse, should not suffer the other to want, or remain in Danger; and forasmuch as the Earl of Limose was the Elder, he should first enjoy it. The two Earls having now Money at Will, yet were they circumspect, and durst not seem very liberal or wasteful, for Fear of Suspicion. But Theodorus could not yet be satisfied, as long as Andolocia was alive, for Dread lest they should again lose the Purse. Besides that, he purposed when he had the Possession of the Purse, to go so far with it, that he would be safe both from the King and the Earl of Limose. And therefore he intreated of the Earl that he might have his Letters, and one of his Men to see Andolocia in Prison, which the Earl granted. Then took the Lord Theodorus his Leave of the King, and said, He would travel to see the pleasant Commodity of his Kingdom. Then rode he straight unto the Prison unto Andolocia, whose Legs were rotted with the Stocks and Irons, but now he

he hoped that since they had his Purse, they took no more Regard of him, but supposed that the Earl had sent Theodorus to let him out of Prison.

C H A P. XLVII.

How Andolocia, when his Purse was gone, was also murdered himself in Prison.

BUT the Earl Theodorus said unto him, Tell me Andolocia, hast thou any more such Purfes as thou hast given to the Earl of Limose? If thou hast the like, bestow it on me, and I will presently let thee go free: He answered, Gracious Lord, so God help me, I have no more, but if I had, it were at your Commandment. Then said Theodorus, It is reported that thou art skilful in Necromancy, and canst fly in the Air; why dost thou not now practice thy Cunning to deliver thee from hence? He said, My good Lord, I neither have, nor never had any Pleasure in that Art; but have only had my Pleasure with the Purse which ye have, the same will I freely give to you and the Earl of Limose, before God and the World, and will never make Claim to it again, if you will for the Honour of God, but only deliver me poor wretched Man, out of this Prison, lest I die here miserably.

Theodorus said, Canst thou now submit thyself? Why wast thou not so lowly, when with such Pride and Presumption thou didst advance thyself before the King and Queen to dishonour us all: Where are all the fair Ladies whom thou didst so well please, and which gave thee all the Praise;

Praise; try now if any of them can help thee, but since thou dost so sore long to be out of Prison, I will soon deliver thee from thy Sorrow. Then offer'd he 500 Ducats to the Keeper to strangle Andolocia, but he would not do it, saying, He is an honest Man, and very feeble, so that he must needs ere it be long, die of himself, but I surely will not commit such a heinous Sin. Then



said Theodorus, Give me a Halter, and I will strangle him: But the Keeper would not in any Case help him. Then took he his Girdle that was about his Middle, and casting it about Andolocia's Neck, with his Dagger writhed in it, and so strangled Andolocia to Death, sitting in the Stocks, and gave the Keeper a Reward to convey the dead Body out of Sight. When this cruel Tyrant had finished this horrid Murder, he incontinently departed again to the Court, where

he secretly told unto the Earl of Limose, what he had done; saying, Andolocia is like to work us no more Mischief, for I have killed him with my own Hands, neither could I rest before I was sure he was dead. Now whereas the Earl in four Days Space had not meddled with the Purse, and the half Year was expir'd, that Theodorus's Turn came to enjoy it as long, he demanded him to deliver it, and take as much spending Money as he would. The Earl of Limose was well content, and went forthwith to the Coffer, and brought the Purse, casting it upon the Table. Theodorus took it in his Hand and would have coined out some-Money, but there was none to be felt, neither would the Purse yield any more Fruit. Then looked they one on the other, not knowing that Ampedo and Andolocia being both dead, the Purse had lost its Virtue. Then the Earl Theodorus said angrily, Thou false and deceitful Man, thinkest thou so fondly to deceive me, by delivering unto me this simple Purse that is not worth a Groat, instead of that precious Purse whereof we had so much Money? Fetch me therefore that which I now ought to have. He answer'd, It is in good Faith the same Purse that I took from Andolocia, neither have I any other: But how it comes to pass that it yieldeth not as it did before, I know not. Theodorus would not be pacified with this Answer, but was far more angry, and said he would be reveng'd on him whatever cost; and therewith drawing his Rapier, struck at him. The Earl of Limose having no other Defence, ran within him, and stop't his Hands as soon as he might, whereby they

they made such a Noise, that their Men being in the next Chamber, brake open the Doors and parted them. Howbeit the Earl of Limose was wounded, therefore his Men laid hold on Theodorus. When Tidings came to the King, that the two Earls, which were great Friends, had fought in a Chamber, and one almost slain the other, he commanded both to be brought before him, to enquire the Cause of their Debate. But Theodorus only was examined, the other being so wounded that he could not come.

C H A P. XLVIII.

How the two Earls, by striving for the Purse, were detected of the Murder, and put to Death.

W H E N the King by strict Examination and grievous Racking, had violently forced Theodorus to confess how they had dealt with Andolocia, he was exceedingly grieved, and being moved with wrathful Displeasure against the Murderers. without longer Deliberation, he gave Judgment that they should be executed with bruising their Bones upon Wheels, and that if the Earl of Limose was sick, he should be carried to the Place of Execution, and if he was dead, that his Carcass notwithstanding should be set on the Wheel; which was executed on the two Earls as the King had commanded. Then sent the King also certain Officers to the Castle of Limose, to seize upon all the Goods and Lands of the Earl, and willed also, That as many Men and Women as were in the Castle, con-
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senting to the Murder, or that had conceal'd the same, should be hanged out upon the Castle-Walls without any Mercy. And whereas they had Knowledge that the Body of Andolocia was thrown into the Ditch by the Castle, they caused it to be taken up, and carried it to Famagosta, where it was honourably buried in the Chauntry-Church, which his Father had founded, for whom the King and Queen, and the Prince and Princess mourned, as if he had been of their near Lineage. And forasmuch as neither Ampedo nor Andolocia had any Heirs left behind them, the King took their costly Palace into his own Possession, wherein he found so much Goods, and ready Coin, such sumptuous Household-Stuff, and so precious and costly Jewels, that it might rather seem the Palace of some mighty Emperor, rather than of a Subject. In the same Palace the young King and Queen held their Court, until his Father departed out of this Life; and then began they to reign and govern the whole Realm of Cyprus.

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